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PORTUGAL TO HAVE A COALITION GOVT.

Now Being Formed; Extraordinary Sitting of Parliament To-morrow

FULL POWER HAS BEEN VOTED TO GOVERNMENT

German Minister Left Yesterday; Ships Seized at Britain's Request

Lisbon, March 11.—The cabinet has resigned to give place to a national defence government which is now being formed.

In parliament yesterday, Dr. Augusto Soares, foreign minister in the retiring cabinet, read the notes exchanged between Germany and Portugal, and also a note from Great Britain requesting the Portuguese government, in view of the alliance between Portugal and Britain, to seize German ships in Portuguese ports.

Parliament adopted a resolution giving the government power to take all measures necessary in dealing with Germany. The leaders of all the opposition groups offered to support the government.

At the suggestion of the president of the chamber, cheers were given for the entire nation.

Parliament has been summoned to meet in special session to-morrow.

German Minister Left.

After a lengthy interview with the Portuguese secretary of foreign affairs, Herr Rosen, the German minister to Portugal, left here yesterday on a special train for Madrid, accompanied by the other members of the German legation. Their departure was not marked by any incident.

The newspapers have been forbidden to print any news of a military character. Tranquillity prevails throughout the country.

Portugal's seizure of interned German merchantmen was the immediate cause of Germany's declaration of war against Portugal. It has not been known hitherto that Portugal took this action at the request of Great Britain.

WOULD SEND TROOPS INTO THE STATES

Carranza Asks Washington for Permission to Chase Bandits When Necessary

Washington, March 11.—While American troops are preparing to move across the Mexican border to exterminate the Villa bandits, General Carranza, in a communication delivered through Consul Stillman, has asked the United States for permission to send his troops into American territory, if necessary, in pursuit of outlaws.

Administration officials urged General Carranza's proposal as favorable. It seems to indicate that he will not protest against the presence of American troops on Mexican soil as has been feared. Practically such a reciprocal arrangement probably never would result in a single Carranza soldier crossing the line, as the possibility of bandits taking refuge in American territory is considered remote. It is realized that such an arrangement, however, would go far to satisfy General Carranza and permit him to comply with popular sentiment in Mexico. There was no indication early to-day how the proposal would be received.

Ready to Move.

Up to noon to-day no American troops actually had crossed, as far as was known here, and it was believed none would start moving before night. All the arrangements are being left in the hands of Major-General Funston.

Villa to-day was reported moving southeast with not more than 300 men. Last night's report gave him force as 3,000, but that is believed to include sympathizers in his territory. If his movement southeast it is thought that danger of an attack on the Mormon colony at Casas Grandes has passed for the present.

The war department to-day was deluged with telegrams from individuals and organizations offering their services as volunteers. There was at present, Secretary Baker said, no need for summoning volunteers to the colors.

Reports Confirmed.

Maj.-General Funston confirmed to-day the report of the killing of Pablo Lopez, Villa's chief lieutenant, during the raid on Columbus, and also the report that Lopez had commanded the bandits who murdered nearly a score of Americans at Santa Ysabel. He also confirmed the report that 400 Car-

Cereals Bought by Germany Taken Over by Roumanian Govt.

London, March 11.—Roumania has seized for army purposes 50,000 wagons and all the cereals bought by Germany, according to a wireless message to-day from Rome.

AMERICANS ABOARD BARQUE TORPEDOED

Saved After Silius, Norwegian Vessel, Had Been Sunk Without Warning

GERMANY HAS BROKEN PROMISE TO STATES

Washington, March 11.—Consul Osborne, at Havre, reported to-day that when the Norwegian barque Silius, from New York to Havre, was torpedoed without warning in Havre Roads on the night of March 9, seven Americans on board were rescued.

The sinking of the Silius was reported last night from London. Three members of the crew were reported lost.

Feeling at Washington.

State department officials seemed inclined to view the attack on the Silius as a serious affair.

So far dispatches to the state department simply have said the vessel was torpedoed without warning. No mention has been made of the nationality of the submarine, and there has been nothing to indicate whether a torpedo, actually was responsible for the sinking of the vessel or whether she struck a mine.

If the Silius was torpedoed, such an attack was contrary to the assurances the United States secured from the central powers. Secretary Lansing said his action would be taken until the state department had full information.

Seven Americans.

Paris, March 11.—Seven of the crew of the Norwegian barque Silius, which was torpedoed and sunk yesterday, were Americans. The Silius left New York on February 4 for Havre.

The Petit Parisien says that one of the Americans on the Silius was injured in his legs and was taken to the Pasteur hospital. He is John Hartmann, 15 years old.

It is reported that Capt. Syvertsen, master of the Silius, was drowned and that two sailors are missing. The rest of the crew was saved.

The Silius was a three-master of 1,500 tons. She formerly was the British barque Helly.

Members of Crew.

New York, March 11.—There were only four Americans aboard the Silius, according to agents of the line here, and they were members of the crew. She carried no passengers. The Americans were David Sherman, of New Bedford, Mass.; John Warman, of Philadelphia; Daniel Norah, of Connecticut, and Henry Monahan, of Boston. The barque was commanded by Captain C. B. Syvertsen, and sailed from New York on February 4 for Havre with a cargo of 2,200 tons of barley shipped from San Francisco.

The local agents said the crew of the Silius numbered 17 men.

S. S. CHINA ARRIVES AT SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, March 11.—The American steamship China, from which 38 men, including Germans and Austrians, were taken by a British boarding party on Feb. 18 off the Chinese coast, arrived here to-day.

C. L. Brown, special deputy collector of the port, acting for Collector J. O. Davis, summoned Captain F. E. Fraser to his office to make a report.

CHINESE MURDERS ARE EXPECTED IN OAKLAND

San Francisco, March 11.—Wholesale killing in the Oakland Chinese quarter is expected momentarily by the Oakland police. A special squad of 40 policemen has been detailed to attempt to quell any outbreak of warring gangs.

Ranza troops had reached Palomas, six miles south of Columbus, to join in the pursuit of Villa.

A total of 57 dead Mexicans has been found in and about Columbus. Gen. Funston reported a report that 15 more bodies are lying in the brush between the town and the border is being investigated.

Smoot's Request.

Senator Smoot, of Utah, received a telegram to-day from Mormon leaders urging him to impress upon the war department the danger to the colony at Casas Grandes. The war department assured Senator Smoot everything possible would be done to protect the Americans.

SLACKENING NOTED IN VERDUN REGION

French Observers Believe Operations Will Dwindle Into Trench Warfare

GREATEST ACTIVITY WEST OF MEUSE

Germans Suffered Heavily Yesterday on Both Sides of the River

Paris, March 11.—The battle of Verdun is fast dwindling in intensity. The Germans have in no way impaired the main defences of the fortress notwithstanding the violence of their onslaughts. Whether they will make another big effort after a lull, or whether the battle will end, as did the other great offensives on the western front, by a return to the normal conditions of trench warfare, cannot be discerned at present, but French military opinion is inclined to believe the latter will be the case.

On the west bank of the Meuse the Germans, facing an effective curtain of fire maintained by the French, have made no further attempts on Bethincourt. They contented themselves with winning back, at heavy cost, portions of the Corbeaux wood which had been wrested from them the preceding day.

Enemy's Plans.

The determined nature of the attack there indicates that the Germans evidently intend, if possible, to drive through Cumleux wood to the village of Cumleux and get in between Deadman's Hill and Goose Hill. This they nearly succeeded in doing on Wednesday. Once solidly established there they would be able to attack Goose Hill from two sides, at Hill No. 1245, to the east of Goose Hill, already in their hands. If Bethincourt were carried in the meantime, they would be able to repeat this process against Deadman's Hill.

The fighting to the east of the Meuse at present is hardly as active as it is west of the river. The ranks of the Germans were depleted by yesterday's heavy losses in the attacks between Douaumont village and Haudaumont and on the village of Vaux, which were cut short by French fire being developed.

GERMANS SUFFERED ENORMOUS LOSSES

Whole Brigades Were Wiped Out in Verdun Region on Thursday

London, March 11.—The Paris correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing under date of yesterday, said: "Not since the battle of Verdun began have the German losses been so terrible as in yesterday's fighting. Whole brigades which went into action were practically wiped out of existence, and most of the German units engaged lost two-thirds of their strength."

"They suffered heavily, as always, in fighting the French infantrymen, marvelling with the bayonet, and the Zouaves, Turcos and Senegalese, who fought grimly in yesterday's engagement, like demons loose, as they drove their bayonets home with an arm-plunging stroke. Unlike the British and French infantrymen, who usually thrust upwards, the French African troops raise their rifles above their heads, and with the whole weight of the body, bring it down with a thrust which sends the bayonet through an opponent. The Germans suffered even more cruelly from the fire of the French artillery and machine guns."

French Attacked Violently.

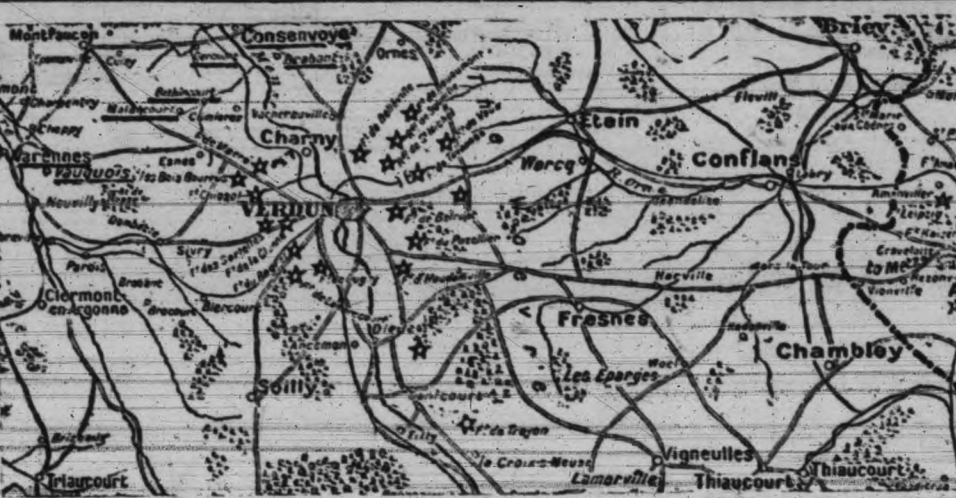
"On Wednesday the Germans gained a footing for less than an hour in the streets of Vaux, but they could not withstand the cyclone rush with which the French counter-attacked, and when the latter paused for breath the Germans dead and dying lay in heaps where they had fallen."

"Another fruitless German attack was led against the trenches lining Hill No. 609, on which Fort Vaux stands."

"To-day the position is as follows: 'West of the Meuse all of the German attacks on Bethincourt and Goose Hill (Cote-de-Pois) have been repulsed with appalling cost to the enemy. In the Raven Wood (Bols-des-Corbeaux) the French advanced still further and consolidated their gains."

"To the east of the Meuse the French line is unbroken despite furious assaults by five divisions of Prussians. 'The bombardment of these fronts was carried out with deafening intensity on both sides."

Where Battle Has Raged Twenty Days



THE ROADBED



BANDITS RELEASED

AMERICAN WOMAN

Mrs. Hawk Wright's Husband Was Murdered; Baby Still in Mexico

El Paso, March 11.—Mrs. Hawk Wright, the American woman who rode nine days with the Villa troops preceding the raid on Columbus, had information to-day that her baby, taken from her and given to a Mexican family, was safe at Pearson, Mexico, and that her husband had been murdered by the soldiers a short distance from their home. Mrs. Wright arrived in El Paso yesterday with Mrs. H. J. Stocum, wife of the commander of the Thirteenth Cavalry.

She was informed that child probably would be brought to Juarez on the train which is to bring the Mormon colonists.

Because she suffered in silence, never complaining and holding herself aloof from the horde of soldiers, fugitives, derelicts and vagabonds which comprise Villa's soldiers, she was called "La Royna," Queen of the Villistas, by the troops. Villa had told one of the officers that he preferred to have her die of exhaustion rather than to kill her outright, and because she proved to be able to withstand hardships better than his own men, he promised he would release her after he had sacked Columbus.

AGITATION NOW FOR COALITION IN ITALY

London, March 11.—A Milan dispatch to the Daily Mail says that a cabinet crisis is believed to be imminent in Italy, owing to the insistence of advocates of a coalition government on representation in the cabinet. Leonida Bissolati, leader of the reformed Socialists, is the nominee of this group for the premiership. It is believed that a place will be offered him in the present cabinet.

CHURCHILL MAY RETURN.

London, March 11.—The Weekly Nation says it believes that Colonel Winston Spencer Churchill, former first lord of the admiralty, intends to resign his commission in the army and return to parliament.

FUNSTON WILL NOT

LEAD IN MEXICO

A Brigadier-General Will Command the American Expedition, He States

San Antonio, Tex., March 11.—Major-General Frederick Funston announced to-day that while he will have direction of military affairs along the Mexican border, the expedition into Mexico will be in charge of a brigadier-general whose name he said would be given out at Washington.

The organization of the expedition will not be completed for two or three days, Gen. Funston said, as troops from other army divisions than the southern will be added to the border forces. The general maintained silence to-day as to the size of the expedition and the point of entry into Mexico. The full aero squadron here will accompany the expedition.

Ambassadors Inquired.

Washington, March 11.—The ambassadors from Chile and Brazil, who took part in the Pan-American conference which resulted in the recognition of General Carranza, called on Secretary Lansing to-day to inquire about the action of the United States. They were informed fully and made no comment. There was no indication of a disposition to do more than gather information.

AMERICANS CENSURING MESSAGES TO MEXICO

New York, March 11.—Messages for Mexico are subject to censorship, the Western Union Telegraph Company announced here to-day. English or Spanish must be used when messages are routed by way of El Paso, it was stated.

GERMAN AEROPLANE DID NO HARM AT SAMOS

Athens, March 11.—On Wednesday a German aeroplane, coming from the coast of Asia Minor, flew over the island of Samos, 42 miles southwest of Smyrna, and threw bombs at British ships in a harbor there without hitting any of them. The aeroplane returned to Asia Minor.

TWENTIETH DAY OF

THE GREAT BATTLE

German Casualties in Verdun Region Have Mounted to High Figure

Paris, March 11.—The battle of 10,000 guns and half a million bayonets still raged furiously in the region of Verdun on this, the twentieth day of the conflict. Tens of thousands of tons of melinite and cheddite continue to be exchanged between the French and Germans. The battle still ebbs and flows around a few disputed villages, woods and hills.

The German casualties may now be reckoned in the neighborhood of 200,000. This includes a considerable number of prisoners.

Splendid Spirit.

Never has a sterner call been made on the heroism of the French infantrymen, and never have they answered the call in a finer spirit. A well known Frenchman who has just returned from the battlefield states that the sublime self-sacrifice of Gen. Petain's men for their country is Spartan-like. Before going into action the troops destroy all letters and—sending their treasures and souvenirs to relatives with a brief note. Those farewell missives are distinguished by their brevity. Some examples follow:

"Think well of me; I died for dear France."

"Bring up my children to love France. Farewell, dear wife; we shall meet in the beyond."

"I go to my death cheerfully because I am convinced the Bouches will never get Verdun."

Happily all the writers do not go to their deaths.

Stoicism of Wounded.

Equal stoicism is shown by the wounded. An officer being taken on a stretcher through a communication trench summoned his men around him. "My children," he gasped in a whisper, "I feel that I am going. Long live France. Pray for me."

Episodes of this character are common around Verdun, where the troops live in a wonderful atmosphere of exaltation against the most terrible carnival of death every known.

WILHELM REALIZES

TIME IS PRESSING

Will Continue to Throw Whole Weight Against France, Writes M. Humbert

Paris, March 11.—Senator Humbert writes:

Now that it is clear that we are in for a duel to the death, the Germans are not going to limit their offensive or return to temporizing tactics. They are now hurling the whole of their available strength against France, as they did against Russia last spring.

The enemy does not wish merely to help along a loan or to intimidate neutrals. Such a policy would be no good now, for he has reached the last of his resources. The Kaiser seeks a definite victory. He feels that time presses. Britain is massing her strength, Russia is reconstructing her army and Italy is re-sharpening her sword. Therefore he has fallen upon us and he will not halt.

Be it at Verdun or elsewhere we must fully expect the battle to go on with increasing intensity until one of the adversaries drops exhausted from blood-letting. Either Germany slays France or she fails—that is the alternative.

PROMINENT WINNIPEGGER ILL.

Winnipeg, March 11.—H. T. Champion, a well-known member of the private banking firm of Alloway & Champion, is critically ill.

DESPERATE EFFORTS BY ENEMY AT VAUX

Attempted to Reach Wire Before Fort; Checked by French

WEST PART OF VILLAGE HELD BY JOFFRE'S MEN

Germans Driven From Part of a Wood North of the Aisne

Paris, March 11.—There is still violent fighting for the possession of the fort at Vaux, according to the announcement given out by the war office this afternoon.

The Germans have made progress along the slopes leading to this position but they have not yet reached the barbed wire entanglements in front of the fort.

The Germans hold some houses in the eastern part of the village of Vaux, while the French are still in possession of the western part of the town.

The text of the report follows:

"North of the Aisne the enemy yesterday, after having bombarded for several hours our positions between Troyon and Berry-au-Bac, moved out from Ville-au-Bois and attacked the salient formed by our line at Bois-des-Bulles. After a spirited fight we drove the enemy from the northwestern extremity as well as from the western section of the wood. This was territory the Germans had succeeded in occupying. Verdun Region.

"West of the Meuse the Germans last night delivered a strong attack south-east of Bethincourt against our trenches along the highway from Bethincourt to Chattancourt. An immediate counter attack gave us full possession of the important communication trench which the enemy had penetrated.

"East of the Meuse the enemy has reloaded his efforts between the village of Vaux and the Vaux fort. The bombardment continued all night with great violence and there were further infantry assaults against the village, now in ruins from shellfire. The Germans took possession of some houses east of the church in the village of Vaux. We are still in possession of the western part of the village. The efforts of the enemy in this direction all resulted in failure.

Checked by French.

"As a result of several attacks against the fort itself, the Germans made some progress along the surrounding slopes, but their efforts to reach the barbed wire entanglements in front of the fort were checked by our fire.

"In the Woivre district there has been a continued and intense bombardment in the regions of Eaux and Moulinville.

"In Lorraine our artillery fire has caused serious damage to the works of the Germans near Embornville.

"In the Vosges French batteries have been very active in the valley of the Thur and east of Thann."

German Statement.

#Berlin, March 11.—The capture of French positions 1,400 yards wide and about two-thirds of a mile deep south of Ville-aux-Bois, near Rheims, was announced to-day by the war office.

TROOPS EAGER TO

CROSS INTO MEXICO

Sentry at Columbus Killed a Mexican Who Refused to Halt

Columbus, N. M., March 11.—The arrest of several Mexicans suspected of being Villa spies divided interest among the civilians here to-day with the preparations of the military for the pursuit of Francisco Villa and his bandits. The American soldiers, officers and men, in their preparatory activity displayed an eagerness for the receipt of the order that would start them into Mexico.

Despite the nervousness among the civilians, quiet prevailed in this border district during the night, and in practically every case reports of the appearance of hostile Mexicans were shown to be unfounded. Early in the night a Mexican refused to obey the command of an American sentry to halt. The Mexican was killed.

Scouts brought in reports that Villa was at Boca Grande, 25 miles southwest of here. Other advices stated that a large number of Carranza troops had reached Palomas, supposedly to assist in the pursuit of Villa.

Among the Mexicans arrested for spying was Pablo Gonzalez. He was being overhauled over a military unit.

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DIVISION AGAINST THE CORBEAUX WOOD

German Losses Out of All Proportion to Ground They Retook

Paris, March 11.—The following official statement was issued last night: "In Artois, to the west of the road to Lille, the Germans exploded a mine, the crater of which we occupied."

"In the Argonne forest we shelled a German column which was advancing toward the Montfaucon wood."

"To the west of the Meuse, where the bombardment was uninterrupted during the day, the enemy attacked with particular violence our positions in the Corbeaux wood. Several attacks were repulsed by our artillery and infantry, which did considerable execution in the enemy's ranks."

"Notwithstanding losses out of all proportion to their objective, the Germans, for their last attack, used at least one division, and in the course of the fighting they were able to occupy again part of the Corbeaux wood, which we had retaken from them on March 8."

"To the east of the Meuse, the enemy twice attacked our trenches to the west of the village of Douaumont. Brought to a stop by our big guns and our curtain of fire, the enemy was not able to reach our line at any point."

"Artillery Stopped Attack. An attack which was prepared against the village of Vaux was stopped by our artillery and could not be carried out."

"It is confirmed that the infantry actions the Germans directed against the village of Vaux and against our trenches at the foot of the ridge on which Fort Vaux is situated, cost them heavy losses."

"In the Woivre the enemy's bombardment, which was replied to by our batteries, has been intense on Eix, Moulainville, Villers-sous-Bonchamp and Bonzeve."

"The Germans dropped in the Meuse at St. Mihiel floating mines, but these were fished out before any damage was done by them."

"In Lorraine we have shattered or partly destroyed enemy organizations on the front of Halleville-Bremerich."

Air Raid. London, March 11.—The following official statement was issued last night: "Yesterday we carried out a successful aircraft attack against a hostile railroad and billets at Carbin. It is believed that considerable damage was done. Thirty-one machines took part in the raid, and all of them returned safely."

"As a result of a fight in the air a hostile machine and one of our own machines were brought down near Tournai."

"Last night the enemy made bombing attacks against two of our craters near the Hohenzollern redoubt. Both attacks were repulsed."

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SAYS PROVINCES AND CITIES SHOULD SHARE

Pugsley Speaks on Bill Governing Investments of Life Insurance Companies

Ottawa, March 11.—Sir Thomas White, minister of finance, yesterday moved the second reading of the bill respecting the investments of life insurance companies. This is the measure foreshadowed in the budget speech by which insurance companies will be compelled to invest a portion of their earnings in Canadian securities.

The minister explained that under the terms of the bill, insurance companies, on December 31, 1916, must possess Dominion debentures to the value of 50 per cent. of the increase in their net assets during the year 1915, less an allowance for increase in loans and actual reserves.

The bill further provides that from February 15, 1916, all deposits placed by foreign companies with the Dominion government as security for policies written in Canada must be in the form of securities of the Dominion of Canada. This provision will remain in force until January, 1918.

Provinces Should Share. Hon. William Pugsley thought it unfair to limit the securities to those of the Dominion of Canada. The provinces and municipalities would suffer, he said. In view of the contributions of municipalities on behalf of the war it was unfair that their debentures should be shut out.

A. K. Maclean, Liberal, Halifax, thought it might be wise at this time for the government to take the power to ascertain the value of all foreign securities held in Canada. In Britain steps already had been taken to mobilize the foreign securities.

Sir Thomas said that this was a war measure. Under normal conditions, the objection raised by Mr. Pugsley would be valid. It was to be remembered that during the approaching financial year the Dominion government would be responsible for an expenditure of \$25,000,000. The minister was quite willing to recognize the generosity of the provincial government and the municipalities, but this did not alter the fact that the real stress and strain of the war falls upon the Dominion treasury.

Shipbuilding. Mr. Pugsley strongly urged that the government should encourage the industry of shipbuilding, as the shipping of the empire was gradually disappearing through being commandeered.

J. H. Burnham, Conservative, West Peterboro, agreed with Mr. Pugsley, and urged that this industry, as well as every other industry, ought to be given encouragement. He suggested a system of bonuses.

E. W. Nesbitt, Liberal, North Oxford, urged that the government establish technical schools to train returned soldiers.

E. M. Macdonald, Liberal, Picton, N. S., urged upon the government the desirability of losing no time in setting aside a considerable sum of money for the education of technical education. The Germans were the possessors of a great many valuable trade secrets simply because the young men of that country had been educated along technical lines.

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, March 11.—The following casualty list was issued last night: Fourth Battalion—Severely wounded: Pte. T. Abernethy, England.

Fifth Battalion—Died of wounds: Pte. Ernest Harrison, Vancouver, B.C.

Seventh Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. John Shaw, Port Arthur, Ont.

Thirteenth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. Harry Pyke, St. Lawrence, Nfld.; Pte. John Waite, Ireland.

Previously reported missing; now killed in action: Pte. J. Finn, Ireland.

Shell head: Pte. W. Kidd, Scotland.

Fifteenth Battalion—Severely wounded: Lt. J. A. Livingston, Grimsby, Ont.

Previously reported missing; now killed in action: Cpl. H. V. Davis, Toronto.

Eighteenth Battalion—Wounded: Lieut. Cpl. Edw. Lawson, England; Pte. A. S. Anderson, Scotland.

Nineteenth Battalion—Died of wounds: Pte. J. McNulty, England.

Wounded: Pte. Chas. Harold Bible, San Antonio, Texas.

Twentieth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. Lorne Phenix, Toronto.

Twenty-sixth Battalion—Killed in action: Lieut. Cpl. John C. Johnson, Sayabec, Que.

Wounded: Pte. Alexander McDonald, Glace Bay, N. S.

Thirty-first Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. Geo. Skelly, Isle of Man.

Royal Canadian Dragoons; attached Canadian Army Corps headquarters: Died of accidental wounds: Acting Sergeant John Cockerill, England.

Fourth Canadian Mounted Rifles—Seriously ill: Pte. T. H. Drillean, Derby Junction, N. E.

Fifth Canadian Mounted Rifles—Suffering from shock: Pte. T. E. Lee, Toronto.

Wounded: Pte. David Harrison, Montreal.

Royal Canadian Horse Artillery—Seriously ill: Driver Thos. M. Lambert, Kingston, Ont.

Sixth Hovitz Brigade—Died: Sergeant F. Conway, England.

Sixth Field Company, Second Canadian Divisional Engineers—Died of wounds: Sapper J. L. McQuay, Foxwarren, Man.

GERMANY'S EXCUSE WAS PUBLISHED IN BERLIN

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CANADIANS HONORED BY GOVT. OF FRANCE

Ottawa, March 11.—The message received last night from the Canadian general representative in France says in part:

The president of the French Republic has conferred decorations as shown below on the following officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Canadian corps:

Legion of Honor, Officers' Cross: Lieut.-Col. Chas. H. Mitchell, headquarters, Canadian Corps; Lieut.-Col. F. O. Leomin, 13th Battalion; Lieut.-Col. G. S. Tuxford, 5th Battalion.

The Chevalier Cross of the Legion of Honor—Major J. T. Creighton, 1st Battalion; Major Barr, 14th Battalion; Lieut. Quintal, 14th Battalion; Capt. G. Richardson, 2nd Battalion, and Capt. G. A. Kline, 1st Divisional Signal Company.

Military Medal—Sergeant J. A. Barnhill, 12th Battery; Signal Sergeant H. K. Klifton, 3rd Battalion; Sergeant J. A. Scroggie, 16th Battalion; Cpl. B. C. Hall, 1st Canadian Engineers; Lance-Cpl. A. E. Barrett, 4th Battalion;

Lance-Cpl. M. T. Greet, 14th Alberta Dragoons; Lance-Cpl. A. J. Hourston, 29th Battalion; Pte. A. de Bois, 22nd Battalion; Sapper T. J. Duffy, 3rd P. C. Canadian Engineers, and Pte. P. A. Lambert, 22nd Battalion.

War Cross—Major W. H. Clarke Kennedy, 38th Battalion; Capt. J. A. Cullum, 28th Battalion; Capt. G. H. Gibson, headquarters, 1st Division; Lieut. E. A. Baker, Canadian Engineers; Lieut. A. E. Peppier, 4th P. C. Canadian Engineers; Sergeant D. Bissett, 5th Battalion; Sergeant A. Cad

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CHARGES OF MURDER AGAINST MEXICANS

How States Will Deal With
Seven Raiders Who
Were Captured

Columbus, March 11.—Seven wounded Villa soldiers captured by Col. H. J. Stinson's troops of the 13th U. S. Cavalry in Thursday's battle here will be charged with murder for the killing of the seven American soldiers slain in the fight, according to announcement today by E. B. Stone, special agent for the department of justice. The prisoners include a boy 12 years old and two officers.

Mr. Stone said he would confer today with Summers Burkhart, U. S. district attorney in New Mexico, and that the charges probably would name Francisco Villa, the bandit chief, who led the raid on Columbus.

Mc Stone added it was probable that similar charges of murder would be filed against the prisoners in the state courts of New Mexico in connection with the killing of nine civilians by the bandit raiders. The murder charges against the Villa soldiers, Mr. Stone declared, would lie because the raid had been carried out, not by recognized belligerents, but by bandits whose leader was a man who had been proscribed by the de facto government of a country with which the United States was not at war.

The men against whom the murder charges are to be filed are: Pablo Garcia, a captain who has fought in Villa's army for three years; Lieut. Ysabel Chavez, with two years' service under the insurgent chief; Leno Ruiz, Juan Sanchez, Elias Muros and Antonio Morandas, privates. The boy is

Jesus Reyes, who, with his father, Ausieto Reyes, joined Villa three months ago in Chihuahua.

The death of Jesse D. Taylor, a wounded American soldier, yesterday at Fort Bliss, was the basis of the eighth charge of murder against the prisoners.

Francisco Sanchez, arrested while signaling Mexicans across the border yesterday and held as a spy, will be charged with aiding an enemy while on the soil of the United States.

BRITISH SUFFERED FROM LACK OF WATER

Gen. Aymer's Forces Fell Back to
Right Bank of Tigris
River.

London, March 11.—The following official communication on the operations in Mesopotamia was issued last night:

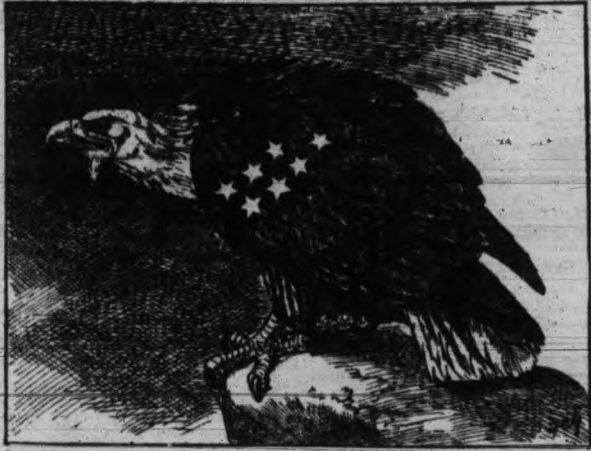
"General Lake reports that General Aymer, who was operating on March 8 from seven to eight miles from the right bank of the Tigris river, in consequence of lack of water has been obliged to fall back on the river, after having removed all his wounded."

Constantinople, March 11.—The war office issued the following statement last evening:

"Iraq front: The British approached slowly to the advanced Turkish trenches until they were 200 yards distant. On the morning of March 8 the British main force attacked from the right bank of the Tigris. The engagement continued until dark. The British temporarily occupied part of the Turkish trenches, but they were ejected by a counter-attack of the Turkish reserves."

"The British withdrew to their former positions, and left in our trenches 2,000 dead and large quantities of arms and munitions. Our losses were comparatively light."

GETTING HIS BACK UP



FROM DECKS AND

TRENCHES TO FARMS

Plan in Motherland to Have
Fighters Become Farmers
After War

London, March 11.—Thousands of soldiers and sailors now fighting under the British flag will become farmers after the war if a plan adopted by a committee appointed by the board of agriculture to study the problem of what to do with ex-fighting men is carried out. It is hoped to get the scheme under way as soon as possible in order to provide employment and a home for disabled fighting men now returning from the front.

The essence of the plan is that the state should acquire a considerable area of agricultural land and should establish thereon colonies of small holders. These small holders would be the tenants of the state, and they would be subject to a certain amount of state tutelage. It is proposed that there should be in each colony a resident director, and an instructor, and that there should be a central depot for the sale of produce and for the purchase of farming requisites. Social amenities also are to be provided for by the establishment of women's institutes for the settlers' wives.

To get under way this plan of home settlements which it has been suggested would revolutionize rural life in England, the committee says \$10,000,000 should be placed at the disposal of the board of agriculture, together with three pioneer colonies of 5,000 acres in all. The initial cost of establishing three colonies to accommodate 300 families the committee estimates at about \$1,500,000.

Besides providing employment for the soldiers and sailors, the committee points out the advantages of the plan for the development of the agriculture of the country.

"The demobilization of the navy and army at the close of the war will afford a unique opportunity of developing agriculture in this country," says its report. "It is of the utmost importance to the welfare of the nation that this opportunity should be seized and turned to the greatest possible advantage. The men who have joined the forces include representatives of all the best elements of our population; many of them possess a high degree of enterprise and intelligence, and if any substantial number can be attracted to seek a career on the land at home it will give a stimulus to the agriculture of the country."

Four-Acre Farms.
It is proposed to have each colony consist of four-acre holdings, with pigsties, toolhouses and portable fowl-houses, huts for unmarried men, sales depot and store, farm creamery or cheese factory, central farm, state credit bank, recreation grounds and club room and village hall to provide a social centre.

The central farm under a director would be equipped with implements which could be hired by the settlers. Settlers could have preliminary training at the central farm before taking up holdings.

It is suggested that the military huts scattered all over the country at the present time should be converted into cottages and farm buildings, and that army wagons and horses should be allotted to the farm colonies after the war.

In outlining its plan the committee says it recognizes that of the total number of discharged soldiers who under this scheme may be willing to become tenant farmers of the state, a certain proportion already have lived and worked on the land. The others naturally will need some preliminary training before they are able to take over their own holdings. This training, in the opinion of the committee, will be best given by the temporary employment of such men at a fair living wage on a central farm under the control of a manager appointed by the board of agriculture.

These would be given, in addition to their wages in cash, a cottage with a garden, and as soon as they showed promise of efficiency a portion of the land near their cottages would be let to them.

FRENCH GOVT. GIVEN VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

Paris, March 11.—The Chamber of Deputies yesterday unanimously adopted a resolution expressing confidence in the government. The resolution was passed after an interpellation regarding the requisitioning of merchant ships for the use of the army, in which connection some criticism of the marine ministry had developed.

FULL AUTHORITY TO

MAJ.-GEN. FUNSTON

Will Decide on Size of Expedi-
tion and Route Into
Mexico

Washington, March 11.—Instructions conveying full authority to Maj.-General Funston to dispatch a defensive expedition into Mexico in pursuit of Villa and his bandits are to-day in Maj.-General Funston's hands. Secretary Baker announced that full discretion as to the number of men to be used and the route to be followed has been left with General Funston.

The actual details of the carrying out of the president's instructions are to be left to Maj.-General Funston, who was expected to have American troops moving into Mexico before nightfall. General instructions were sent to General Funston last night after a conference between officials of the general staff at the war department.

Secrecy was being observed by war department officials to-day regarding the army's plans for the capture of the bandits. This is in accordance with the urgent request of Maj.-General Funston, the object being to prevent Villa from learning of the movements of the expedition.

Secretary Baker especially referred to the expedition as "defensive" in line with the administration's policy of regarding its action as one to repel invasion.

Mormons in Danger.

El Paso, March 11.—The position of the 500 members of the Mormon colony in the Casas Grandes district, Chihuahua, 155 miles by train from El Paso, critical as it was in the first place, has been rendered further by the presence of Villa with a band of followers at La Ascension, close to the railroad over which they must travel to the safety of the American frontier. Carranza guards from Chihuahua City were expected to accompany a trainload of refugees due to leave Casas Grandes for the north to-day. The natural covers of land near La Ascension, however, afford protection should Villa attack the train. In El Paso, hope for the escape of the Mormons is based largely on the unverified rumors that Villa is short of ammunition. Although only 300 men are reported to be with him at La Ascension, Villa still has a force of 2,000 in that region.

Villa Agents Arrested.

The arrest of a number of well-known Villa agents by the El Paso police, including a general who was trying to buy arms in a gun-store, a colonel who was found in the general's home and an alleged spy with pencilled maps of Mexican railways in his possession, indicate that the situation in El Paso has been more serious than has appeared on the surface.

La Constitution, a local Mexican paper, was suspended by the police last night and all editions seized because of an inflammatory article against the United States. Furthermore, the military authorities at Fort Bliss received word that a large quantity of rifle munitions had been taken from a place of concealment in the Mexican quarter and put in a wagon train, presumably bound for Villa's camp.

Action Approved.

Washington, March 11.—The senate foreign relations committee to-day unanimously endorsed the action of the president in sending American troops into Mexico to capture Villa and his marauders.

Cavalry on the Move.

Douglas, Ariz., March 11.—The Tenth U. S. Cavalry, Col. W. G. Brown commanding, arrived here to-day from Fort Huachuca, Ariz., after a two-day march.

Washington, March 11.—Latest reports of the whereabouts of General Villa say he reached Ascension, south of Palomas, some time yesterday with 200 followers, after his flight following the attack on Columbus. This information reached here to-day in a message to the Carranza embassy from Consul Andres Garcia, at El Paso.

SIR R. BORDEN HONORED BY KING OF BELGIANS

London, March 11.—Sir Robert Borden, prime minister of Canada, has been decorated by King Albert of Belgium. The Official Gazette announces the conferring of the Grand Cordon of the Order of Leopold upon Sir Robert.

NO PRESERVED FRUITS INTO UNITED KINGDOM

London, March 11.—King George signed the expected proclamation yesterday prohibiting importation of preserved fruits.

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ITALIANS ACTIVE DESPITE WEATHER

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"Our artillery demolished enemy shelters in the Upper Seisera and Fella Valleys, and interrupted troops marching in the Cortenno Valley and on Monte Nero."

"On the middle Isonzo the activity of our detachments on the Mrazl compelled the enemy to man his entrenchments, which thereafter came under a heavy fire from our artillery. On the lower Isonzo some activity by enemy artillery has been displayed against inhabited places, to which our guns replied with well-directed fire, which also reached enemy troops marching along the Carso plateau."

Vienna, March 11.—The following official communication was given out last night:

"On the Isonzo front the enemy yesterday maintained intermittent fire, which increased in intensity at the Tolmino bridgehead."

"On the Krn and Tyrol fronts little activity was displayed. The Italians employed gas bombs in the Rombon sector."

MICHAEL SCANNELL, OF EXTENSION, DEAD

Nanaimo, March 11.—The death occurred at the family residence at Extension of Michael Scannell, who had been a resident of Vancouver Island for 39 years. He was born in County Cork, Ireland, in 1822. He enlisted in the Indian Mutiny days at Newport, Wales, in the 51st Royal Lincoln's, and was drafted to India in time to take part in the quelling of the mutiny, but served in various parts of the great empire for seven years.

On getting his discharge Mr. Scannell came to Canada, and for six years served on the bodyguard at Rideau Hall, Ottawa. He came out to this country in the spring of 1886. For a time he was engaged under Col. O'Brien in surveying for the fortifications of Esquimalt. The following year he took up land in Cranberry district, where he had resided ever since.

By the courtesy of Lieut.-Col. Kirkpatrick, officer commanding the 11th C. M. R., the deceased will be given a military funeral on Monday, this being one of his last wishes.



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A BIG JOB IN HAND.

A lusty offering of the by-elections in Victoria and Vancouver is the Public Accounts Committee of the legislature, which will commence its labors next Tuesday. If it is permitted to make a serious investigation of the expenditures of the province a tradition of more than ten years will have been shattered. In this connection we recall quite vividly a remark made by Mr. Bowser on the platform on the eve of the election of 1912. He admitted that a Public Accounts Committee had not met for seven years, but assured the audience that the interests of the taxpayers had been so zealously safeguarded by the government that no inquiry by such a body was necessary. The Premier has seen a great white light within the last fortnight.

Of course it would be impossible for the committee to cover all the suspected expenditures of the past six or seven years during one legislative session. This would require at least twelve months' continuous labor. But it ought to be able to learn a great deal about the transactions which have figured most prominently in political discussion and a few of those items in the public accounts statement which must send a chill down the back of every taxpayer who peruses it.

For instance, the committee, we presume, will inquire searchingly into the expenditures on royal commissions since 1912. Up to March 31 last year this exceeded \$225,000. The labor and agriculture commissions alone cost the country some \$90,000, and the chief beneficiaries were a select company of party politicians. The country, of course, has nothing to show for the outlay. But the star prodigal is the Indian Lands Commission. That imposing body was appointed by the Dominion and Provincial governments to inquire into the subject of Indian reserves in the province and to settle the questions at issue between the two authorities in relation to it. Each is to bear half the cost. Up to March 31, 1915, the total expenditure under this head was about \$176,000, \$80,000 for the year 1913-14, and \$96,000 for the year 1914-15. British Columbia's share of the cost for those two years was \$88,000. What the expenditure has been in the year now nearly at an end we are unable to say, but it cannot have been less than the figure for the previous twelve months, and it may be more.

A few details of the Indian Commission account for the year ending March, 1915, will interest the taxpayers. The Chairman, N. W. White, drew a salary of \$6,795 and a living allowance of \$2,745, a total of \$9,540. Commissioner D. H. MacDowall received a salary of \$7,330 and a living allowance of \$3,620, a total of \$10,950. Mr. MacDowall is a resident of this city. Commissioner J. P. Shaw received a salary of \$7,330 and a living allowance of \$3,620, a total of \$10,950. Mr. Shaw represents Kamloops in the provincial legislature and also draws his seasonal indemnity of \$1,600. A special act was passed by the government to enable this member and other legislators on royal commissions to escape the disqualification provision of the constitution. Commissioner S. Carmichael received a salary of \$7,150 and a living allowance of \$3,550, a total of \$10,700. Commissioner McKenna was paid \$4,000 and a living allowance of \$3,050, a total of \$7,050. H. Bergeron, secretary, received a salary of \$4,250 and a living allowance of \$2,140, a total of \$6,390. J. G. H. Bergeron, who formerly represented Beauharnois in the Dominion Parliament, is no longer with us, having been translated to the postmaster's office of Montreal, which must be a bonanza indeed. C. H. Gibbons, the assistant secretary, received a salary and expenses, \$5,922 and a

F. Green, "technical officer," \$3,600 and \$375 expenses. So much for salaries. These commissioners traveled a great deal, and, we observe, showed a marked preference for motor car transportation. The cost of this for the two years was about \$7,200, the bill for the year ending March 31, 1915, being \$4,300. The enterprising firm of May-Smith & Elmer enjoyed liberal patronage and charged \$3,625 last year. Mr. May-Smith also has a separate item of \$560. In the year 1913-14 he was paid \$5,212 for similar services. The Canadian Pacific Railway received \$3,811 for transporting this commission during the year ending March, 1915, and \$7,126 for similar services in the previous year. Apparently the commissioners did not permit transportation expenses to encroach upon their salaries or living allowances. It will be the duty of the Public Accounts Committee to investigate these extraordinary outlays from the public purse. It is time, too, some intimation was received from the government as to when this body will complete its work. Has it become a permanent luxury?

MR. ROSS'S "DEFENCE."

Yesterday we had abundant evidence that the significance of the by-elections was lost upon at least one of Mr. Bowser's ministers. Mr. Ross, the Minister of Lands, delivered, or virtually read, a speech which from end to end betrayed his hopeless inability to realize that the day of buncombe and shallow sophistry has departed, and that the public no longer travels on the Steamship Piffle. This was particularly true of that part of the minister's deliverance which was intended to be a defence of the timber and land policies of the government. He tried to take refuge behind a technical interpretation of the word "alienation," his view apparently being that timber and land are not alienated unless they are carried away in a sack. Upon that assumption he argued that the government had not alienated a single acre of timber and that the total alienation of land amounted to something less than 2,000,000 acres.

Mr. Ross by this time ought to know that the elections are not in the mood for trifling. Whether or not crown grants have been issued to holders of lands does not affect their actual status in the slightest. They are sealed to settlement; they are withheld from purchase by anybody else. For the most part they are held by people who have not paid principal, interest or taxes, whom the government took power last session to render exempt from the necessity of paying. Alienated? "Squandered" is the proper term to use, for to all intents and purposes these lands have been almost given away, and it will be observed that Mr. Ross has refrained from stating what the government proposes to do, if anything, regarding the huge sum owed the province on this account. He probably does not know. He is only Minister of Lands. A similar situation exists in relation to timber lands. Timber areas held by speculators and stock promoters are alienated for all legitimate purposes, no matter what their ostensible, convenient legal status may be. Mr. Ross does not seem to be aware that what this country needs is the genuine development of our resources in a productive sense, not a potlatch based upon a petty verbal evasion.

Of a piece with this quibbling is the minister's denial that there has been any fraudulent evasion of the land act. He even tried to show that the power-of-attorney transactions were quite proper. This is what he said in part:

"If any applicant to purchase lands from the Crown, at any time, desired to transfer his interest in the purchase application, it has always been perfectly legal for him to do so, and he enjoys the same right to-day. Not only is this a statement of fact, but as late as 1912, when the revised statutes were given the force of law, there was absolutely no prohibition against the recognition of any such transfer or against the issuance of a Crown grant in the name of the transferee in place of the original applicant."

After this explanation no intelligent person need be surprised at the manner in which the government has administered our lands. Does the minister really expect the public to believe that the thousands of men and boys in Victoria, Vancouver, Seattle and Spokane, who in many cases for a dollar each, in some cases for a Crink each, permitted their names to be used by speculating syndicates on applications for purchases had a legitimate "interest" in the land? Nine-tenths of them did not know where the land was. At the same time they signed powers-of-attorney by which the land was transferred to those who purchased or otherwise obtained the use of their names after the applications were granted. In that way some syndicates corralled hundreds of thousands of acres of the best land in British Columbia. They still hold it, but they are not paying for it. If these are what the minister regards as sound, legitimate transactions, may heaven help the country. The minister clearly is incorrigible. This province

has suffered enough from him and his colleagues. We might add that if Mr. Ross had paid the House the tribute of a little originality in his contribution to the debate he would have refrained from attributing the depression in British Columbia to the war. More than a year before the outbreak of the conflict Mr. Ross himself had occasion to refer to the depression which had set in, thereby accounting for the rears of payment on land sales which even at that time he stated to be in the neighborhood of \$12,000,000. There is about as much foundation for his contention in this respect as there is for his rather entertaining assumption of credit for the administration for the increased number of fish taken on our coast.

ANOTHER DEFICIT.

The Public Accounts for the year ending March 31, 1915, submitted to the legislature last week, showed a deficit for that period of more than \$4,000,000. The deficit for the year before that was \$5,500,000 and for the year ending March 31, 1913, \$2,200,000. Thus the deficits for the years 1912, 1913 and 1914 totalled \$12,000,000.

The Auditor General's report, for the first nine months of the present year, that is, from April 1, 1915, to December 31, 1915, has just been tabled. It shows that the revenue in that period was \$4,838,454 and the expenditure \$6,908,125, a deficit of slightly more than \$2,000,000. Thus with the figures for the current year incomplete the deficits since 1912 aggregate \$15,000,000.

Parker Williams is not disturbed by the pitiable and contemptible efforts of the Bowserites to embitter the soldiers against him. Like most people, he no doubt regards them as interesting symptoms of the serious straits to which the "rubber-stamps" have been reduced by the recent by-elections. For the most part, not having been allowed to know anything about the management of the country's business, they are unable to meet argument with argument. Judging by the voting in the elections, however, no element would be more pleased at the overthrow of the government than the soldiers both here and in the trenches, who in that case would not be pained by the reflection that while they were fighting for liberty and democracy abroad their heritage was being despoiled at home.

Citing a case, as demonstrating one reason why the expenditures by the militia department of Canada are out of all proportion to the results achieved, the Ottawa Free Press, which usually supports the Conservative party, says: "Col. Talbot, of Bellechasse, is receiving \$7.75 a day and thus far has drawn \$466 from the government. He is carrying on a campaign for recruits and thus far has succeeded in getting one man to enlist." Considering such cases as this and the revelations of unblushing graft almost beyond belief in every department of administration nominally under Premier Borden but actually under the domination of Hon. "Bob" Rogers, perhaps it is no wonder that Lord Shaughnessy has been moved to utter a word of admonition.

Mr. Ross did not like the levity with which the overall eluding victory of Mr. Brewster was celebrated by the people of Victoria last Saturday night, and elegantly referred to "the gang," and "passing the bunk," both choice allusions indicating that that part of the minister's speech at least was original. Mr. Ross might have been gratified to observe, however, that no supporter of Mr. Brewster drove his motor car at break-neck speed through the streets of the city and incidentally through Mr. Bowser's regulations, finally wrecking a luckless jitney. The "gang" was much too well-behaved for that.

Vancouver city council has lost any illusions it may have had regarding the status and bona fides of the alleged magnates of the Canadian Northern Railway. When Sir William Mackenzie was in the city a few weeks ago seeking concessions in regard to C. N. R. undertakings, particularly with reference to an agreement respecting the construction of a station on False Creek in return for a grant of valuable property to the company, Mayor McBeath promptly told Sir William that what the city wanted was for the C. N. R. to carry out the terms of its contract. Only that and nothing more; but it would accept nothing less.

Washington is sceptical regarding the nationality of the submarine which sank the ship Silius without warning and with Americans on board. Of course it is wholly reasonable to assume that the crime was committed by a British or a French pirate. Also it will be some time ere Berlin will confess culpability. In the meantime rest assured that Washington will not act hastily.

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After reading Hon. W. R. Ross's speech delivered in the House yesterday we are inclined to think that perhaps Mr. Tisdall was in a measure right in attributing the avalanche which buried two ministers to poor speaking. But there were contributory causes.

Well, if the worst comes to the worst respecting the destruction of the barque Silius, the Huns can claim that the ship was armed, or if she was not armed that she attempted to ram (either forwards or backwards) a peaceful, law-abiding pirate!

Lucky for the Minister of Lands that somebody did not purloin his manuscript on Thursday night. He might not have been able to get in touch with his base of forensic supplies in time to reply to Mr. Brewster yesterday afternoon.

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Mr. Aaron Lewis has decided to pull down the old building on Yates street, occupied by himself and Mr. Lewis, and erect in its place a three-story brick block, uniform with the new building on the east side.

It has been decided to proceed with the condemnation of the old Chinese shacks on Cormorant street, and to require those which do not conform to the street-line to move back.

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"Victoria Volunteer Reserve." The reserve will drill on Monday at 8 p.m. at John Haggerty's wash factory. Arrangements for target practice will be completed in a few days. Classes will be formed, and instruction given in shooting. Practice will commence Monday, March 20, and those wishing to participate will give in their names to the platoon sergeants of their respective platoons. Drills in future will be conducted as follows: Platoon drill on Monday and company drill on Thursday. Any wishing to join the reserve can do so on either evening by applying to Sergt. McIntyre, who is in charge of the recruit class. There are no fees for instruction.

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Knights of Columbus—At their last meeting Victoria Council No. 1256, Knights of Columbus, decided to hold an open meeting on Thursday evening, March 23, at 8 o'clock in their hall at 724 Fort street, with the view of placing the advantages of membership before prospective members. A literary and musical evening is promised. The council decided to take advantage of Mr. Schofield's offer of a lecture on the early church history of the province, a convenient date to be arranged and announced later. Mention was made of the fact that 35 per cent of the members actually eligible for military service have joined the forces. This is thought to rank very favorably with the percentage of men furnished by other Canadian councils. A highly interesting and instructive lecture upon the economic and religious history of France since the day of the First Napoleon, was given by Father Anselm Wood, who dwelt at some length upon the famous Dreyfus case, and showed what a tremendous influence was exerted upon the people of France by the same.

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Call of the Century.—In the Congregational church, corner of Quadra and Mason streets, the pastor, Rev. Charles A. Sykes, B.D., will preach to-morrow at both services. In the morning his subject will be "Jesus in the Home," and in the evening "The Call of the Twentieth Century."

To Give Concert.—The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Baptist church is giving a St. Patrick's Day concert at 8 o'clock Friday evening at the corner of Yates and Quadra streets. A very enjoyable programme has been provided, and a hearty invitation is extended to all adherents of the church and congregation. Refreshments will be served.

British Israel Association.—The Victoria branch of the Imperial British Israel Association will meet on Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Congregational Church building (side entrance, first floor), corner of Mason and Quadra streets. The public will be welcomed. The subject will be "The Process and Result of Our National Chosen," founded in the Scriptures of Daniel, Ezekiel and Jeremiah.

Concert at Gorge.—The concert at the Gorge Presbyterian church on Monday evening next under the direction of Mr. J. G. Brown promises to be a big success from the point of attendance. The names of those assisting in the rendition of the programme are a sufficient guarantee of the merit of the programme. The following ladies and gentlemen will take part: Mrs. G. J. Burnett, Miss Harkness, Mrs. S. M. Morton, Mrs. Hudson, Sgt. R. Morrison, G. F. Watson, J. Peiris, L. Thomas, S. Saunders, D. Ogilvie, Jesse Longfield, A. Longfield, J. Walker. The concert will commence at 8 o'clock. Those intending to be present from the city can reach the church by taking the Gorge car to the terminus.

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St. Patrick's Day.—The Irish concert to be held in the Alexandra ballroom on March 17, St. Patrick's Day, at 8 p.m., will undoubtedly be the best of its kind which has yet been given in Victoria. As usual, it is in aid of the Victoria poor, and is under the patronage of the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Barnard. Reserved seats, of which there are only a small number, can be obtained at Mr. Haynes', watchmaker, 1123 Government street. The programme is as follows: Chorus, "St. Patrick's Day," piano; "Whispers From Erin," Misses Small and Woolham-Palmer; the original Irish jig, Miss O'Keefe; song, "Where the River Shannon Flows," "Baby" Alden Hale; song, "Somewhere a Voice is Calling," Miss Black; "The Exile From Erin," Miss Morning-Duffie; song, selected, Mr. E. Petch; song, "A Little Bit of Heaven," Mrs. Harry Pooley; Irish reel, Misses N. and L. Dooley, Messrs. Dooley and Boyd; song, selected, Miss Pearce; comic song, "The Only Side Car," Miss Dorothy Neary; song, "Irish Love Song," Mrs. Jesse Longfield; Modern Irish jig, Miss Kathleen Woolham-Palmer; comic song, "They Were All Irish," Mr. Dooley. God Save the King.

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Hospital Linen Shower.—The Voluntary Aid Detachment is making arrangements for the immediate opening of the Stadacona House, or the Military hospital of the 103rd Battalion. This is being done at the request of Colonel Henniker. In addition to certain military and medical supplies which will be provided the detachment invites the help of Victorians for completing the equipment, and by kind permission of the officers of the battalion a linen shower will be held on Monday next, March 13, in the officers' mess of the new drill hall. All friends of the 103rd battalion and of the detachment who bring contributions of linen (especially table and bed linen, towels, tray and tea cloths) are invited to take. A musical programme will be provided by the band of the battalion and by vocalists. For some time past the commandant of the detachment has been anxious to place the trained services of the corps at the disposal of the military authorities, but no plan crystallized until the detachment was definitely approached by Lieut.-Colonel Henniker. If, however, accommodation permits, arrangements can be made by which a certain number of beds will be available for patients from other units if desired.

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Building Permit.—A building permit has been issued to G. H. Deane for additions to a residence at 1015 Park boulevard.

Ladies' Guild to Meet.—The regular meeting of the Ladies' Guild of the Connaught Seamen's Institute will be held on Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the institute.

Entertainment Cancelled.—The entertainment announced to take place on Tuesday next in connection with the Fairfield Methodist church has been cancelled.

Social Dance.—Purple Star lodge, No. 194, L. O. B. A., will hold a social dance in the Orange hall, Yates street, on Wednesday, March 22. The regular meeting will be held on Wednesday at 7.30 p.m.

Monthly Board Meeting.—The monthly board meeting of the Columbia Diocesan, W. A., will be held at St. Mark's schoolroom, Boleskine road, on Friday, March 17 at 11 a.m. The afternoon session will open at 2.30.

Men's Rally.—Rev. Chas. A. Sykes, B. D., pastor of the First Congregational church will be the speaker at the men's rally in the Y. M. C. A. to-morrow afternoon. His subject will be, "Jesus as a Churchman." The service will commence at 4 o'clock.

The Holy Grail.—The lecture by Rev. William Stevenson on "The Legend of the Holy Grail," which was to have been given at St. Mark's, Boleskine road last Tuesday was postponed on account of the weather, and will be given on Tuesday, March 14.

Fairfield Methodist Church.—Rev. J. M. Dickinson, of Duncan, ex-president of Saskatchewan Conference, will occupy the pulpit at Fairfield Methodist church at both services to-morrow. The pastor, Rev. A. B. Osterhout, will be in Duncan conducting missionary services there.

Emmanuel Baptist Church.—On Sunday Rev. William Stevenson will commence at Emmanuel Baptist church a series of Sunday morning sermons on "Christ and His Cross." The first of those will be under the title "The Flame of the Everlasting Love." The children's talk will be on "The Story of St. Patrick." In the evening Mr. Stevenson will preach on "Beauty and Ugliness."

Centennial Epworth League.—Monday evening's meeting of the Centennial Epworth League will be in charge of the citizenship department, and Miss McEwan, president of the Victoria Christian Endeavor Union, will speak on "Compensation and How It Should be Administered." The meeting will be thrown open for discussion, and a cordial invitation is tendered to all interested in prohibition. Soldiers especially are invited to attend.

Victoria District Epworth League.—The annual meeting of the Victoria District Epworth League will take place on Monday evening, March 20, in Wesley Methodist church, Victoria West. Supper will be served at 6.15, to be followed by group conferences from 7 to 8 p.m. At 8 o'clock a grand rally will be held in the auditorium of the church, when the election of officers for 1916-17 will be held. At the conclusion of the business, Rev. C. M. Sanford, of Vancouver, will speak on "The Epworth League in War Times." Misses Ida Grant and Kitty Palmer will sing, and an orchestra will be in attendance. A large representation from the various leagues is asked for by the district executive.

St. Patrick's Day Concert.—The Irish concert to be held in the Alexandra ballroom on March 17, St. Patrick's Day, at 8 p.m., will undoubtedly be the best of its kind which has yet been given in Victoria. As usual, it is in aid of the Victoria poor, and is under the patronage of the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Barnard. Reserved seats, of which there are only a small number, can be obtained at Mr. Haynes', watchmaker, 1123 Government street. The programme is as follows: Chorus, "St. Patrick's Day," piano; "Whispers From Erin," Misses Small and Woolham-Palmer; the original Irish jig, Miss O'Keefe; song, "Where the River Shannon Flows," "Baby" Alden Hale; song, "Somewhere a Voice is Calling," Miss Black; "The Exile From Erin," Miss Morning-Duffie; song, selected, Mr. E. Petch; song, "A Little Bit of Heaven," Mrs. Harry Pooley; Irish reel, Misses N. and L. Dooley, Messrs. Dooley and Boyd; song, selected, Miss Pearce; comic song, "The Only Side Car," Miss Dorothy Neary; song, "Irish Love Song," Mrs. Jesse Longfield; Modern Irish jig, Miss Kathleen Woolham-Palmer; comic song, "They Were All Irish," Mr. Dooley. God Save the King.

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Ward One Liberals.—At a meeting of Ward One Liberal Association in the Arcade building last evening the resignation of Dr. Melbourne Raynor as president was accepted. Dr. Raynor is medical officer of the 143rd Battalion, B. C. Bantams, and for this reason resigned the office. The resignation was accepted with regret, a resolution putting on record appreciation of Dr. Raynor's services, was unanimously adopted, and the secretary was instructed to forward this to Dr. Raynor with the association's best wishes for his good fortune. Charles F. Benfield was elected to the office of president and considerable other business was transacted.

Cadet Rifle Match.—A keenly-contested match was shot off at Central school range yesterday afternoon between the Victoria West, the South Park and the two Central school teams. The scores, out of a possible of 50, were as follows: Central first team—Clayton, 47; Drabble, 44; Hamilton, 41; Buckett, 40; Symons, 38; Reay, 31; Lewis, 28; average, 38.4. Victoria West—Jenkins, 44; Redding, 43; Fairall, 40; Carmichael, 35; Stewart, 34; Smith, 33; Patterson, 32; average, 37.2. South Park—E. Fatt, 42; Squire, 40; Simpson, 40; N. Fatt, 37; Elworthy, 34; average, 38.8. Central second team—Bartholomew, 48; Gibson, 38; Fox, 35; Carver, 30; Heatherbell, 30; Lewis, 26; Johns, 16; average, 31.

Ladies' Aid.—The Ladies' Aid Society of St. Columba church intends holding a sale of home-made cooking on St. Patrick's Day in the lecture room of the church, Mitchell and Grand streets, from 3 to 6 p.m. There will be a table of useful and fancy articles for sale. Tea will be served.

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A STUDENT OF OPERA

Mrs. Van Ogle, whom the Women's Canadian Club has engaged to lecture next Wednesday afternoon, is an Englishwoman who has devoted her life to the study in Europe of modern opera.

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and now holds a position on the staff of the University of Washington. To those who heard her in the Russian Opera, "Boris Goudonov," last year, Mrs. Van Ogle needs no introduction. Everyone present on that occasion is delighted at the opportunity offered to hear her in another lecture of a similar kind.

Much of the charm of Mrs. Van Ogle's lectures is her happy faculty of entirely omitting technicalities. In that way they make a strong appeal alike to those unversed in music and to students. In a wonderful way the clear direct story of the opera is unfolded, with interesting details of the history, legends, and folk-lore of the people of whom it is written.

An attractive addition to the telling of the story of the opera, "Louise," Wednesday's subject—will be the singing of several selections in illustration, by Mrs. Macdonald Fabry, whose voice in this music is particularly beautiful. Music lovers agree that this is a rare opportunity of hearing the story of a beautiful opera beautifully told and sung.

The entertainment will be held in the Alexandra Club, commencing at 7.30. New tickets have been issued at fifty cents, for which the old ones may be exchanged at the door. The entire audience, as well as members, will be invited to remain to tea, which will be served immediately after the lecture.

NEWEST FABRICS FOR SPRING AND SUMMER

Many Interesting Novelties in Cottons; Voiles Predominant; Silk Suitings Popular

New York, March 11.—Quite as interesting, at the opening of a season, as the new designs themselves and a thousand and one odd little fads which Fashion always presents at her openings, are the new materials in which to fashion these stunning modes. It is amusing to note to what an extent serge is still being used this spring for suits and one-piece frocks. It is not an exaggeration to state that at least nine-tenths of the new spring suits are being made of dark blue serge, "C'est si chic," the smiling little French vendeuse, will tell you, and you can read between the words, "and woolen novelties so scarce." In America it is the dye situation which is affecting the woollens. One may notice the effect this season in the prevalence of black and white checks, stripes and blocks, and in the popularity of pale shades in suitings. White cotton and wool mixtures, striped or barred with pale tones of gold, blue, green, and thin lines of black are unusually modish. For sport wear there are any number of effective materials: some loose weave plaids with backgrounds of white, pastel broadcloths, barred and plaided in



One of the New Bordered Voiles

more vivid tones, and some particularly effective huckings in plain colors and plaids which may be used for street suits or sport skirts or coats.

Silk Suitings Popular
The new silk suitings, faile, and the numerous other twisted silks, tussahs, gros de Londres, and heavier ribbed silks are very much the vogue. These silks are particularly well suited to the full skirts of the moment, affording the bouffant effect, and lending themselves most effectively to the cordings, quillings, pleatings and similar trimming notions now smart. These silk suitings come in all shades of tan, buff, blue, rose, mauve and gray.

Taffetas are being used considerably for suit purposes too; there are quantities of plain taffetas being used in combination with bayadere effects, white stripes on black, blue of green grounds. Checks and stripes are particularly smart in taffetas. Pompadour taffetas will be used generally for wraps and the trimmings of suits. Light colors will predominate in these suits as in the wool mixtures. It may be safely said that the silk suit will be the mainstay of spring and early summer.

There is no paucity of novelties in the new spring and summer cottons; they are most charming, both in coloring and design. Voile forms the basis of the majority of these fabrics; there are printed and striped voiles; voiles striped and barred with openwork or needlework patterns, and voiles striped and barred with artificial silk. Some of the openwork checked voiles are printed and embroidered with bright colored flowers, oftentimes with quaint, precise, art nouveau figures.

Soft white batiste show hairlines of color, and are bordered in plain white, edged with the color; these are the new handkerchief embroidered batistes and are used for lingerie gowns and blouses.

Plain lawns and organdies in all the soft pastel tones, and in plain white are exceptionally good this season. The organdies are being used for entire frocks over slips of a stiffer organdy. In white these are usually pretty for

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graduating frocks and summer dance dresses. One of the prettiest notions for a summer dance frock seen for many a season, was a dainty pale blue organdy with short, full-gathered skirt flecked here and there with a small cluster of pink rosebuds; the surplus closing bodice had full drop-shoulder sleeves, and was finished at the throat with a fine, pleated ruff of the organdy, with one side with a small bunch of the buds, and long narrow ribbon streamers of pale pink. The idea of a high-necked dance frock is somewhat out-of-the-ordinary, but that is just what most of us are looking for. A bit of bare throat showing in a V-shaped opening below the dainty ruff gave just a suggestion of décolleté which was all that was needed.

The silk striped and checked voiles show grounds of one color, striped and



Rose Linen With White Vest

barred with contrasting tones, for instance rose, striped with pale green, blue with gray, mauve with gold and many other cool, opalescent effects.

Lace in shadow patterns and cobwebby weaves such as Chantilly, Maline, and the cheaper shadow laces, will be used for flouncings and trimmings for both gowns and blouses; lace is being used considerably in millinery also, draping the picture hat to accompany the organdy frock. Many metal laces are shown for trimmings purposes, too, some of them carrying out the patterns of the thread designs. Valenciennes lace will be a great favorite for the regulation lingerie frock and for children's dresses.

The word "cash" originally meant a case for containing money, now it means the money itself; cash is also the name of the thin, threaded, Chinese copper coins, of which twenty-two are worth an English penny.

The first time I read an excellent book it is to me just as if I had gained a new friend; when I read over a book I have perused before, it resembles the meeting with an old one—Goldsmith.

It is curious to note the old sea-narratives of human thought. Each succeeding century reveals some new mystery; we build where numbers used to hide themselves—Longfellow.

As for jest, there be certain things that ought to be privileged from it; namely, religion, matters of state, great persons, any man's present business of importance; any case that deserves pity—Bacon.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender.

R. White, of James Island, is a guest of the Dominion hotel.

J. Chisholm, of Duncan, is stopping at the Dominion hotel.

Wm. Rae, of Vancouver, is a guest at the Strathcona Hotel.

S. T. Chadwick, of Olynapi, Wn., is staying at the Dominion.

Arthur A. Foot, of Seattle, is staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

Capt. H. H. Marden, of Seattle, is staying at the Dominion.

Dr. F. C. Campbell, of Princeton, is a guest at the Empress hotel.

Miss L. Larkin, of Vancouver, is stopping at the Dominion hotel.

Dr. L. P. Seavey, of Port Townsend, is registered at the Dominion.

E. D. Sheringham, of Mill Bay, is registered at the Strathcona Hotel.

Miss Sybil Atcherley, of Vancouver, has arrived at the Strathcona Hotel.

A. McDonald and Mrs. McDonald, of Honolulu, are at the Dominion hotel.

Horace Dorer, of Vancouver, registered at the Dominion hotel yesterday.

C. A. Fitzgerald, of Cleveland, Ohio, arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday.

R. V. Porter and Mrs. Porter, of Coblen, Sask., are guests of the Dominion hotel.

H. P. Kewy and C. A. Bourne, of New Westminster, are registered at the Empress hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McEachran and family, of Calgary, are staying at the Empress hotel.

Miss Cole arrived today from Shawinigan Lake, and is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Mrs. S. C. Church has returned from her trip to the mainland, and is staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

Hon. C. A. Senlin, an ex-premier of this province, is paying a visit to the city from his home district of Ashcroft.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Miller, Misses Nancy and Gladys Miller, of Madison, Wis., are staying at the Empress hotel.

A. McKinney, Mrs. McKinney, A. B. McKinney and James Spence, of Winnipeg, were among yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion.

Geo. Every Clayton and family have returned from a trip to Australia, and are stopping at the Dominion prior to taking up their residence at Courtenay.

Clive C. Justice and Gordon R. Justice, of Salt Spring Island, and Mrs. G. Mackay and two children, will leave Seattle on Sunday by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul train for New York, where they will conduct with the Cunard liner Panonia, sailing for the old country on March 18.

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MINISTER OF LANDS ESSAYS AN ANSWER

Quibbles Over "Alienation" of Lands; Some New Figures of Land Sales

Legislative Press Gallery,
March 10.

An attempt to answer the splendid speech of the leader of the opposition was made yesterday afternoon by Hon. W. R. Ross, minister of lands. Mr. Ross made a special plea speech, but it was not one that made an impression on the House. The opposition members remained in the chamber and listened to it, but a number of the Conservative members were not in the House, and of those who were only a small group contributed to the somewhat boisterous applause.

Mr. Ross essayed to deal with the criticism of the administration of the lands of the province, but he cannot be said to have succeeded from an opposition point of view. He added some new figures to the already long and contradictory series of statistical estimates of the amount of land taken up in one way or another. Mr. Ross quibbled on the word "alienated," and refused to consider as alienated any land except what had been paid for and crown granted. In the matter of the vast area of coal lands under lease or license he ignored the point that the leader of the opposition has always stated that these are leased with the option of purchase. Mr. Ross had not a word to say about the option to purchase but represented that these lands were leased and had brought in no such money.

Knew Nothing of Fraud.

He asserted positively that the lands department knew nothing about the power-of-attorney fraud, that in not one single instance had these come before the department, and that the two decisions in which judges of the supreme court of Canada and the supreme court of B. C. had expressed strong opinions as to the frauds being committed on the land act were isolated cases.

He failed to inform the House that Mr. Justice Macdonald had held that "the practice of using names for staking has been too prevalent in the province and was recently considered illegal by the supreme court of Canada." In the highest court of the Dominion, Mr. Justice Duff did not mince words in describing the frauds.

The minister produced a set of figures of mineral and agricultural production, beginning about 1902 or 1904 and ending in 1913, in the boom times. He made no effort to bring the figures of production up to date.

From the minister's standpoint the vote of the people in Victoria and Vancouver counts for nothing as against the government, and will not prevent it going ahead with its programme of legislation. He claimed that the government represented the almost unanimous voice of the people, conveniently forgetting the forty-seven per cent which have had no representation and brushing on one side as not a factor in the case the vote of the three cities in which by-elections were held.

Mr. Ross claimed that the leader of the opposition opposed any railway policy in 1910 and had never been in favor of anything the government proposed, except for a modified support of certain policies mentioned in the late campaign. He took the ground that in 1909 and 1911 the policy of railway building received the almost unanimous support of the country, and the present House sat as representative of the free will of the people. The other day the people of Victoria and Vancouver had returned two gentlemen so as to be able to see that there should be an active opposition, and he was glad to see this. But it was improper to blame that condition on the government party.

"As to the question raised by the leader of the opposition yesterday," continued Mr. Ross, "and I do not speak for the premier in this, it was suggested that on account of the result of the by-elections the government should accept that as a condemnation of its general policy, and that the premier should, after passing supply and non-contentious measures, place his resignation in the hands of the speaker and go to the country. I have no hesitation in saying this, that the premier will have the courage to do whatever he considers to be in the interests of the general public. He made the announcement the other day that all the books of the government would be thrown open for investigation, and I trust we opposition will take full advantage of the opportunity of that in regard to the land department."

Refused Information.

Mr. Williams rose to remark that within the last three weeks the minister had refused him certain information.

"No, sir, I did not," replied Mr. Ross. "I do not know whether discussion of that matter is germane."

The speaker stated that it was absolutely beside the matter altogether. "My friend can get all the information he wants," Mr. Ross promised.

In the matter of prohibition Mr. Ross said there was undoubtedly an overwhelming sentiment in favor of prohibition in this province, but to what extent it had affected the vote against the government he was not able to speak. The premier had been handicapped in deciding for himself what should be done by reason of health until late in February. He had arranged that prohibition should come into effect on Jan. 1, 1917. What date would it come in under Liberal administration?

Mr. Ross had a different view of the "gang" from Vancouver that Ernest Miller, of Grand Forks, talked of as having come over here to vote against the government. To his eye they were

all from the Yukon, and they sang "Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here." Mr. Brewster was accused of "knocking" and "decrying" the industries of the country and blamed for not attributing the hard times in the province to the war.

The minister, undisturbedly reading his speech, gave a lot of figures of the production of fisheries, lumber, agriculture and minerals for 1902 and 1913 and the bank clearings for the same years as proof of his statement that this period had witnessed the greatest expansion of the province. At the same time, he claimed, the public service cost relatively less.

Surprising Confession.

The government had not taken sufficiently seriously the criticisms of its land policy when these were made, was the rather surprising confession of this responsible minister of the crown, and its failure to come out at the right time with the facts worked to his disadvantage now, he added. Incidentally Mr. Ross admitted that wherever Mr. Brewster's voice was heard his influence was felt. From 1904 to the close of 1915, he said, the actual amount of land which had been crown-granted was 2,900,000 acres, and another 2,700,000 acres the government had agreed to sell, but it was not fully paid for. On some of it there had been paid \$1.35 an acre, but on most of it 50 cents an acre had been paid. A year or so ago he had given the total amount of land disposed of as 5,200,000 acres, which was an error, the discrepancy being explained by the difference found in the area after surveys were made. There were 600,000 acres not yet surveyed and doubtless there would be a shortage found there also. For these lands approximately \$9,500,000 had been received on account of the purchase price, exclusive of interest. The unpaid balance was approximately an equal sum. This represented the enormity of the government's offences in the matter of land sales. In other words, if the unpaid balance was never paid the land reverted to the government and was useful for any purpose.

"At what time do you expect that reversion?" asked Mr. Brewster. Mr. Ross went off into a disquisition on the attitude of leniency adopted throughout Canada towards debtors since the war, and held that it was good business to be lenient. He went on to say that the government had between two and three million acres surveyed and ready for pre-emption.

Again Mr. Brewster asked an impressive period by asking, "how accessible is it?" The minister was taken at a disadvantage, and was not ready with any satisfactory answer. It was rather a hard question for him to reply to, he said. He would not say it was all on Vancouver Island or within ten miles of Vancouver, but with railway facilities it was just as accessible as ordinary land in British Columbia. The minister proceeded to speak of the timber and coal lands alienated, with the same quibbles as to "alienation."

Coming to the question of land frauds Mr. Ross said he thought this cry also was dead, and termed it the peculiar property of the late member for Delta, John Oliver.

Ignored Question.

"What about the declarations of our courts in regard to frauds upon the Land Act?" asked Mr. Brewster, but Mr. Ross ignored this pertinent and suggestive question.

Reading his speech at this point, the minister of lands said it would be a surprising statement that in not one single instance was any power of attorney, fraudulent or otherwise, before the department in connection with an application to purchase lands. After a minute examination of the land department records there had not been found one case where a second purchase had been allowed. In the case of lands purchased by agents for the persons purchasing it must be assumed by the department that the latter had a beneficial interest in the application. Any other assumption would be unfair and unwarranted. If any applicant wanted to transfer or assign his interest he was enabled to do so, as he had a right to do, by the department. The department had dealt with approximately 4,500,000 acres, involving between eight and ten thousand individual applications.

In the two cases dealt with by the courts their lordships had held that the nominal applicants had no beneficial interest in the purchases, and therefore found that there had been fraud. The parties had got to quarrelling among themselves and thus the matter got to court.

Mr. Ross did not see how the government could have prevented over capitalization, and in the case of the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) said that company was chartered in the old country.

"But registered here as an extra-provincial company," observed Mr. Macdonald.

"What have we to do with old country companies as to the amount of their capital?" asked Mr. Ross. "The government should have controlled their capitalization so far as regards their operation in this province," Mr. Macdonald replied.

The minister made an attempt to defend the granting of further aid to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway. In a peroration which was woefully weak, although intended to be quite impressive and to strike dismay into the hearts of opponents, Mr. Ross asked a series of questions to which the answers have already been given by the leader of the opposition, as to his attitude on shipbuilding, prohibition, aid to the P. G. E., improvements in the mining laws, agricultural aid and the like, and then sat down with "Let him answer."

John R. Jackson (Greenwood) spoke briefly, devoting his attention to the condition of agriculture in the province, which he found to be very excellent, and he praised the government for its policy in this regard.

John T. W. Place moved the adjournment of the debate.

First Man: "Why don't you rise earlier, old fellow?" Second Man: "Well, principally because if I did I am afraid I would meet myself going to bed."

In a false quarrel there is no true valor.—Shakespeare.

BURNSIDE LIBERALS IN ANNUAL MEETING

Officers Elected; Addresses by Candidate and Other Speakers

The electors of the Burnside, Gorge, Cloverdale and Parkdale districts who are Liberals and sympathizers with the cause of good government met in the hall of St. Mark's parish, Boleskine road, last evening on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Liberal Association.

The report of the secretary showed that there had been much activity during the year. A number of organizational meetings had been held, and over one hundred members had been enrolled. Considerable work had been done in the registration of voters and the checking up of the voters' list. The retiring officers felt that, though their work had not been ostentatious, they had succeeded in laying the foundations upon which a strong association could be built up, and one that would operate effectively in the general election campaign so close at hand.

The following officers were elected for the coming twelve months: President, E. W. Dempster (re-elected); first vice-president, F. J. Stacpoole, K. C.; second vice-president, T. Graham; secretary-treasurer, George Vallance (re-elected); executive committee, J. N. M. Kennedy, Mr. Freeman, C. Pointer, E. Orr, Mr. Riley, B. J. Dale, W. Gillespie, T. Main, Mr. Chaston, G. McGregor, Mr. Passmore, Mr. Dixon.

A largely attended public meeting was held at the close of the business meeting, over which J. N. M. Kennedy presided, and with him on the platform were F. A. Pauline, Liberal candidate in Saanich; John Hart, P. W. Dempster and F. J. Stacpoole, K. C.

The chairman considered that Saanich could quite properly congratulate the country on the success of the lovers of good government in the three recent by-elections. In Saanich the Liberals were well-organized and there was no doubt that Mr. Pauline would be elected in the general election by a handsome majority.

Organization.

Mr. Dempster detailed what had been done in the way of organization, and urged the Liberals and the independent Conservatives to work in the interests of clean administration to the end that Mr. Pauline should have a majority proportionally large with that given in the by-elections. Mr. Dempster paid a little tribute to the work of Mr. Hart in the city campaign and welcomed him on his first visit to that part of the Saanich constituency.

Mr. Stacpoole made some references to the manner in which ballots were marked on Saturday, and suggested that the young voters, and those who are voting for the first time, should be instructed by the older voters on the manner of marking their ballots.

In the recent election it was noticeable that many men on both sides, who apparently were quite clear as to who they desired to vote for, had spoiled their ballots by marking them in an improper manner. Mr. Stacpoole mentioned the remark of a man in one of the Ward One booths that if it had not been for the skill and knowledge of the Liberal scrutineer there would have been chaos all day long. This was a compliment to Mr. Hart, whose splendid organization had been responsible for well-trained scrutineers and general efficiency on the part of the Liberal workers. The example set there would, no doubt, be emulated in Saanich.

Effects of Victory.

The far-reaching effects of victory at the coming elections were dwelt upon by Mr. Stacpoole, who urged that efforts should not be relaxed to secure Mr. Pauline's election. He was thrice armed with his quarrel just, and the people of British Columbia had a just and proper quarrel with the present administration. They had a province which had a good balance some few years ago now reduced to a state of penury so far as the public treasury was concerned, with a dissipated surplus and a huge debt piled up. The people were taxed to the utmost and had nothing to show for it except such public works as the Canadian Northern Pacific right-of-way just outside the door of the place where they were, with no steel on it.

Land settlement was an absolute necessity here, and to obtain the people to go on the land a good, energetic immigration policy was required. There was also required an agricultural credits act, administered in a non-partisan way. The act now standing on the statute-book, but not in force, was a useless one, for many reasons. It would be political in its administration and enable the speculator friends of the premier to obtain loans which would assist them to still further exploit the people's property.

Prohibition was coming beyond a doubt, said Mr. Pauline, Mr. Bowser or no Mr. Bowser. The premier had abandoned all his strong statements on prohibition and made a death-bed repentance in an endeavor to influence votes in Victoria last Saturday. Personally Mr. Bowser was a worthy man, but his political history was such that no one could place any confidence in his promises. In Mr. Pauline the constituency of Saanich had a gentleman with a clean record in the past and whose future would be marked by equal cleanness.

Congratulated Association.

Mr. Pauline congratulated the Burnside Association upon the completeness of its organization and the excellent work that was being done by it and by its members individually. He eulogized the work done by Mr. Hart in the city by-election, and said the energy, ability and businesslike methods of that colleague of Mr. Brewster's

in a general election fight had to a considerable extent made the result in the by-election of so decisive a character. There had been another important factor in the by-election, and that was Parker Williams, who had seen fit to come out from the party he had been identified with to fight for a change in government. Mr. Williams had carried on a splendid work for the people, and had won the admiration of all lovers of good government.

It was no wonder Mr. Williams had been able to do this, since the policies with which his name was connected were such as all Liberals could endorse. He was opposed to all alienation of natural resources—land, timber, coal, waterpowers, fisheries—which should be in fact as well as in theory the property of the people.

Company promotion, stock gambling and over-capitalization must be stopped, and anything which made it possible to say that there was more money in wrecking companies than in organizing or in operating them. In labor matters, in land settlement, in educational concerns, in the need for a workmen's compensation act, and all along the line the programme which Mr. Williams stood for was that also of the Liberal party.

The people of British Columbia had become thoroughly alive to the situation and would take the first opportunity to put the present ministry in its place. When conditions of unemployment were pointed out to Mr. Bowser he advised the workers to "beat it," just as soon as the electors had the chance they would give the same advice to the premier. If the people allowed the government to "finish its work" the results upon this and future generations would be chargeable upon their own weakness, neglect and folly. For a year the public had been in expectation of a general election, and did not yet know when it was coming, a position which it was unfair and improper to have placed them in.

Mr. Pauline discussed the agricultural credits act, the railway policy, public markets, and shipbuilding. In the matter of markets he failed to see how the provincial government could do anything in that line. There were markets in Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster and other cities; what was needed was buyers, and these the

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Little Welshman Who Defeated Symonds for Lonsdale Belt is a Marvel

That elusive boxing trophy, the Lonsdale flyweight belt, which none of its five winners has so far been able to recover after losing the title, again changed hands at London, the other night when Jimmy Wilde, the Welsh flake marvel, deprived Young Symonds of Plymouth, of the holdership. It was a magnificent display of hard hitting and ring craft, in which the extraordinary skill and punching powers of the little Welshman prevailed. He showed all the old skills of Jim Driscoll, the former idol of Wales.

The end of the battle came in the twelfth round, when up to that time there was not the least semblance of a knockout. In this round, however, Symonds came out of his corner like a tiger, and was stopped by a stiff left to the mouth. Before he could recover Wilde shot another stiff left to the face, and a hard blow to the body, and the end was in sight. He then followed up his advantage with a series of rights and lefts to the face and body. The defender dropped his hands to his sides and sank on one knee to the floor. Upon rising he extended his gloves acknowledging defeat. He was literally boxed to a standstill.

Wilde is twenty-four years of age, and formerly was a coal miner. He is a very thin framed boy, but has a remarkably long reach. Where he gets his hitting power is a puzzle to the ring experts. He seems another Kid McCoy.

His remarkable career so far has been furnished by only one defeat, which was brought about by "Toney" Lee, a little more than a year ago at the National Sporting Club London, in a battle for the Lonsdale belt. That he is now a better man than Lee, is proved by subsequent events, for since Lee's defeat of Wilde, the former has been beaten by Young Symonds, and now Wilde has disposed of Symonds.

Recently Wilde tried to enlist in the British army, but was rejected, owing to his inability to make the necessary dimensions.

He is now planning a trip to United States.

COAST UMPIRES ANNOUNCED.

San Francisco, March 11.—Alan T. Baum, president of the Pacific Coast Baseball League, announced last night the names of the official umpires for the 1916 season. John J. Doyle, of Chicago, was appointed in place of James Tomah. The others appointed were: W. J. Guthrie, W. J. Fyfe, J. E. Finney, Norman Brashear and H. R. Held.

WILTSE LANDS BERTH.

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Popular Athletic Club Held Enjoyable Dance and Concert Last Evening

The V. I. A. A.'s opening concert and dance last night, in their headquarters, Victoria West, proved a very successful event, and attracted a large throng of enthusiastic patrons.

A basketball match between Y. M. C. A. and the V. I. A. A. opened the evening's activities, and the game resulted in a win for the victors by the score of 14 to 16. Play throughout was very close, and only the superior endurance and a slight margin in all-round team play gave the Y. M. C. A. their win. Most of the V. I. A. A. efforts were individual, which Doc Todd played the stellar role, netting more than half of their points. Bob Whyte was the star for Y. M. C. A. both in attack and defence. The teams lined up as follows:

V. I. A. A.—George Corke and Jack Kennedy, guards; Shakespeare, centre; Doc Todd and Charlie Brown, forwards.

Y. M. C. A.—Billie Kennedy and Harry English, guards; Bob Whyte, centre; Tommy and Bob Peden, forwards. H. Brown officiated as referee.

The next event was a three-round boxing exhibition between Rex Steele and Johnny Fields, two V. I. A. A. midges. Honors were evenly divided. The youngsters put up a very clever exhibition and should develop into first class material within a few years.

Popular songs were rendered by W. R. Edridge, Al Davies, George Budd, Mr. Cole and Mr. Arman. These vocalists were given a great reception.

A six-piece orchestra composed of Private Plum, W. Cameron, J. Corke, R. Watt, S. Smith and T. Brown, provided the music for the dances. During the evening a buffet supper was served.

Great credit is due the committee in charge for the excellent manner in which the entertainment was supervised.

Next Thursday evening the V. I. A. A. will hold a dance in their headquarters, Victoria West. Dancing will commence at 9 o'clock and continue until 1:30 o'clock. Orard's orchestra will be in attendance.

A buffet supper will be served.

EDMONTON ANNEX

TITLE BY DEFAULT

Edmonton, March 11.—President LeRoy Chown, of the Alberta Hockey Association, formally awarded the Alberta hockey championship of 1915 to the Edmonton Bearcats by default at midnight last night. The Calgary Victorias, winners of the southern Alberta honors, were due to play a series of home and home games with the Bearcats for the championship, but could not finance the guarantee to the Edmonton team to play in Calgary for the first game and would neither accept or refuse the offer of the Bearcats to pay a guarantee of \$125 for a sudden death game in Edmonton on Friday.

The Bearcats have gone through the season without a defeat.

GOTCH'S COMEBACK

Los Angeles, Cal., March 11.—Frank Gotch won two straight falls in his match last night with W. Demetral, the Chicago Greek, thus clinching his title as the world's champion at catch-as-catch-can.

Gotch won the first fall in 35 minutes. It required but 15 minutes and 37 seconds for the champion to down Demetral the second time.

HARVARD ELECT CAPTAIN.

Cambridge, Mass., March 11.—John E. D. Morgan, class of '17, of New York City, was re-elected captain of the Harvard hockey team at a meeting of the varsity players to-day. Under Capt. Morgan's leadership Harvard won the intercollegiate championship this year undefeated, and with the loss of only two goals.

JOINS GREER'S UNIT



GEORGE GOULDING

World's champion walker, who has upheld the honor of Canada at various international athletic competitions, is the latest athlete to be enrolled in the Sportsmen's Battalion at Toronto. Ted Wood, the well-known Canadian marathon runner, has also joined this unit.

RUSS HALL EAGER TO LAND THE OUTCASTS

Tacoma, March 11.—There is just a possibility that Manager Hall will get some ball players, who are well known in the Northwestern league, from President Bob Brown of the Vancouver Beavers. Hall has been discussing with Brown for the men who struck against Brown last season and wrecked the Beaver machine because of internal trouble. While these players have been mentioned, Brown is inclined to regard them as high-priced material at the present writing.

"He wants cash, and quite a bit of it, for them," Hall said last night. "That is out of the question. I believe, however, that Brown may reconsider his statement and release them to our club when the opening of the season is at hand."

ANOTHER MEMBER OF JACKSON CLUB ENLISTS

Still another member of the Sir John Jackson Football Club has joined the ranks, the latest recruit being George Loomis, the brilliant goal-tender, who has enlisted in the 10th Regiment, C. G. A., for overseas service.

Loomis is a very reliable goal tender, and has been selected on various occasions for the Victoria representative team for inter-city games. Previous to joining the Sir John Jackson club, Loomis played goal for the James Bay senior eleven. He has been with the Jacksons for two years.

Loomis is the eighth member of the Sir John Jackson club to join the colors.

RIVERSIDES WILL NOT CHALLENGE FOR CUP

Toronto, March 11.—There is not much likelihood of the Riversides, prospective champions of the O. H. A. senior series, going west in quest of the Allan cup. Several of the players cannot spare the time and prefer accepting the invitation extended them to visit New York for a two-game series with Winnipeg Monarchs at the St. Nicholas rink. No professional team will play in New York this year, according to Manager Fellows, of the St. Nicholas rink, who is at present in Toronto.

ROSEBUDS POSTPONE THEIR DEPARTURE

Portland, Ore., March 11.—The Portland Rosebuds who are scheduled to leave this morning for Montreal to play for the championship of the world, have postponed their start until Monday.

A disputed game between Ottawa and Quebec threatens to lengthen the eastern season and to delay the championship contest. Rather than take the chance of being forced to leave several extra days in Montreal, Manager Savoy decided not to start before Monday.

KAUFF COMES TO TERMS.

New York, March 11.—Brooklyn Kauff, the former star of the Brooklyn Federal League club, came to an agreement with the New York Nationals last night and signed a contract to play with the Giants.

CHASE'S SERVICES NO LONGER IN DEMAND

Once Popular Idol is Now an Outcast; Played With Victoria in 1903.

Hal Chase, still in the prime of his career, and the most brilliant first baseman the game has ever known, is baseball's outcast. He finds himself "undesirable," and no major league club wants him.

Chase is to-day paying dearly for the folly of other years. The fact that he is not sought by the major league clubs to-day is not because he jumped to the Federals, as scores of other players did likewise, but he is ostracized for a number of other offences.

With the possible exception of Ty Cobb, Hans Wagner and Christy Mathewson, there never lived a ball player who was more idolized by the fans all over the country than Hal Chase.

The praise showered upon him was too great and Hal's head swelled. From a modest, retiring youth he blossomed into one who became "unbearable," and he frequently clashed with his team mates.

Chase reached the height of his career when he joined the New York Yankees, and was made manager. That honor made him very conceited, and he could not get along with his team mates. He was unpopular with his fellow players, and the New York public became disgusted with his conduct, and clamored for his dismissal. He eventually went to the Chicago White Sox in exchange for Rollie Zeider and Babe Borton. Hal was panned by the Chicago public, not because he did not play brilliant ball for the Sox, but owing to his past behavior. This disgusted the peerless first sacker, and he jumped to the Federals. Coniskey, the White Sox owner, did not want to lose Hal, and battled in the courts to retain his services, but he was finally awarded to the outlaws.

With the Federals he played the most brilliant ball of his career. The hammering he had been subjected to had its effect. He became normal again and threw his heart and soul into his work, and his comeback was one of the sensations of the Federal League.

In the opinion of many baseball experts, Hal Chase is to-day the most brilliant first baseman in the game. He hit last season in his old time form, his mechanical power is unimpaired, and his brain is as nimble as ever. Yet he is an "undesirable." He offended the baseball powers, and despite the fact that in his attitude to-day he is a changed man, those powers have not forgotten, and he must suffer for his former offences.

Chase to-day is 33 years old. He is a Californian, and started his baseball career with Santa Clara College. In 1903 he played with the Victoria team, along with Bernie Schwengers, Jack Rithet, Emmerson, and a score of other well known local athletes. The following season he went to Los Angeles, thence in 1905 to New York, where he became the idol of the American League.

In 1908 Chase made his first great mistake in jumping from the Yankees to the Stockton, Cal., outlaws. He was blacklisted for a time, but was reinstated and went back to his old club.

As a first sacker Hal tries for everything, and, although many errors are charged against him, he is always responsible for sensational plays.

JOHNSON SIGNS.

Tacoma, March 11.—Eddie Johnson, former left-fielder for the Tacoma Tigers, is the first of the new Butte Northwestern League team to report for spring practice. He informed President McGinnity, the new Butte leader, he was ready to go into training camp whenever the word came.

REMARKED ON THE SIDE

Denny Leonard's Rapid Rise.

Inside of two months there has arisen on the horizon of sportdom a young New Yorker who gives every promise of developing into a greatest lightweight of all time—Benny Leonard. This boy was unheard of a few months back, and now he is in line for a championship bout with Freddie Welsh. Leonard's first great exploit was to dispose of Joe Mandot, the New Orleans crack, via the K. O. route in seven rounds at New York. He was then matched to meet Phil Bloom, a tough Hebrew. He duplicated his previous performance by stopping the Hebrew for the first time in his long career. Shamus O'Brien, a very promising eastern lightweight, was his next victim. He then disposed of Jimmy Murphy and Rocky Kansas, two top-notch easterners. His services were sought by all the leading eastern sporting clubs for a bout with Welsh. Johnny Dundee was the obstacle in his path towards battling Welsh, so the promoters matched him with the clever Italian. They fought on Wednesday night, and the result was a one-sided victory for Leonard, as Dundee scored a clean knock-down, which is some achievement against a clever boxer like Dundee. It is very likely that Welsh and Leonard will meet for the championship over a 20-round route next month.

Great Expense to Run a Baseball Club.

Few fans appreciate the terrific cost of modern big league baseball. We will take for 1916 the case of Capt. Huston and Col. Ruppert, Yankee owners.

So far they have invested this season \$120,000 for new players, over two-thirds of whom will be sent back to the bush. Their Polo Ground rent for the year is \$55,000. Their salary list, with Baker and Magee added, will be at least \$110,000. Training camp expenses will be another \$40,000. Hotel bills, traveling expenses and other incidental costs, including office help—which last incidental—will be another \$50,000 at least.

Total this and you find what the two Yankee owners are up against—a mere matter of \$251,000, or in that neighborhood.

As the money spent for Baker, Magee and others will be an investment for more than one year, \$51,000 might be knocked from this amount for 1916.

This leaves an expense account of \$300,000 for the year. At an average of 50 cents each, the fan attendance, for the two owners to break even, will have to be in the neighborhood of 600,000—or about \$300 paid admissions to each game.

These figures may be a trifle high—but we doubt it. For most of the expenses recounted are known to the exact figure.

It might be argued, that Cobb, the greatest of all players on attack, at least, gets \$15,000 for 150 games. Frank Moran, almost unknown as a boxer two years ago, gets \$22,500 for a 30-minute match. And Willard, the champion, gets \$47,500 for 30 minutes of endeavor.

If Willard can get \$47,500 and Moran can get \$22,500 for one appearance, certainly Cobb is worth \$15,000 for 150 appearances.

Cobb works 150 games of 100 minutes each—15,000 minutes for \$15,000—a dollar a minute. Willard is to get \$1,500 a minute. Quite a difference, since the margin of pay is 1,500 to 1.

PURSES ARE ANNOUNCED FOR GRAND CIRCUIT MEET

Grand Rapids, Mich., March 11.—Five early closing purses which will total \$13,500 in value, are announced for the grand circuit meet which will be held here August 7 to 11. The purses are: Furniture manufacturer stake—2-60 trot, three heats, \$5,000; Grand Rapids railway purse for trotters that have never won \$2,000 gross nor have a time race faster than 2:14, three heats, \$3,000; the Comstock, for paces eligible to the 2:12 class, three heats, \$2,000; the William, for pacers eligible to the 2:07 class three heats, \$2,000; the Northrop sweepstakes for all two-year-old trotters, two heats, added money, \$500.

The three-heat plan is to prevail in all of the early closing events except the Northrop sweepstakes, which will be raced in two heats.

BIG FLOYD BROWN IS SIGNED BY SEATTLE

Floyd Brown, the big right hander who tried out with Victoria in 1911 but failed to make good and was shipped to the Edmonton Twilight League Club, has been signed by Seattle. Brown had a world of smoke and lots of stuff, but when the team arrived in Victoria from San Jose, he caught cold in his right shoulder, and could not deliver the goods. His record in the Twilight circuit was very creditable, and according to Pinkie Grindle, if he shows anything like the form he displayed at San Jose with Seattle this year, he will have little difficulty in making good.

Ernie Kantcheper, the former Victoria southpaw, recommended Brown to Seattle.

Pinkie Grindle, who was doing the receiving for the Victoria Club when Brown was tried out says that up until he injured his pitching arm, he certainly was labelled for the majors.

DILLON BEAT FLYNN.

New York, March 11.—Jack Dillon, of Indianapolis, out fought Jim Flynn, of Pueblo, in a ten-round bout here last night. At times the men stood toe to toe and exchanged fierce head and body blows, with Flynn usually the aggressor. Flynn weighed 190 lbs. and Dillon 171 lbs.

CRICKET CLUB MEETING.

A meeting of the Victoria and District Cricket Club will be held to-night at 8 o'clock in Christ Church cathedral schoolroom, when officers will be elected for the ensuing year and other business of importance transacted.

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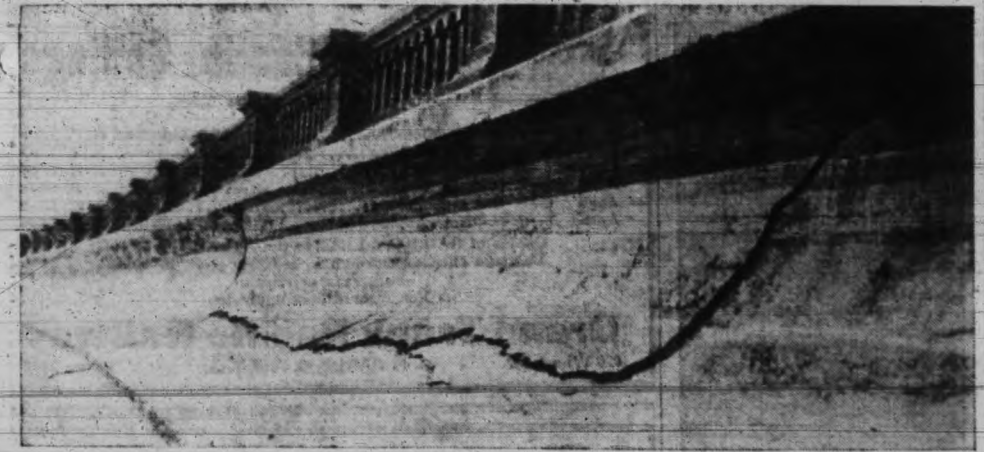
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The accompanying photograph illustrates the effect of the storm on the centre of the concrete seawall. Tenders are being invited for the repair of the fracture, which it is feared may spread if neglected.

TWO-MILLION DEFICIT
IN THREE QUARTERS

Province is Still Running Behind in Its Finances, With Falling Revenue

The piling up of deficits continues, and at this very moment the province of British Columbia is still living beyond its means, as is shown in the statement of the auditor-general on the receipts and expenditures for the first nine months of the present fiscal year, from April 1 to Dec. 31, 1915.

In that period there was an excess of expenditure over revenue of over \$2,000,000—\$2,061,671.10, to be exact. This is at the rate of \$2,750,000 a year, but the deficit on the quarter now near a close is very likely to be in larger proportion than in the other three periods.

The revenue for the nine months was \$4,328,454.68, which would mean that the year's revenue would, if the same ratio is kept up, have dropped to \$4,651,000, just one-half what it was three years ago. The expenditure of the province was, for the same nine months, \$6,500,125.18.

The decrease noted in the statistics for the last complete fiscal year, 1914-15, brought down at the opening of parliament, has continued throughout the year, and in the receipts from land sales, wild land and other taxes, timber royalties, general mining receipts and other sources there is a falling-off to a considerable extent.

In his report Auditor-General Allison, dealing with treasury board overrulings of his action, says of one case:

"The falling attention to the overruling of the treasury board in connection with objections of the auditor-general to section 80 advance to the trustees of the Queen's school district for \$1,125.00, being 75 per cent of the amount voted at the annual school meeting in 1915, I would point out that the authority for these advances being statutory, it appears to me quite evident that the department of education, recognizing that an advance under the 1915 assessment was irregular so long as the advance on the 1914 assessment had not been repaid, sought by means of an order-in-council to over-ride the provisions of section 80 of the Public Schools Amendment Act, 1914."

"As the provisions of an act of parliament cannot be abrogated by order-in-council, the advance was still refused. The treasury board, upon the written opinion of the attorney-general that section 80 of the Public Schools Act Amendment Act, 1914, was sufficiently broad to cover the advance, authorized the issue of a cheque irrespective of the auditor-general's report."

"If this is to be taken as a precedent, I would ask what disposition it is proposed to make of accumulated deficits, in the absence of tax sales, or by reason of lands being included in school districts which are not subject to tax sales, as, for instance, lands held under agreement to purchase or pre-emption. This might well be made the subject of an investigation, as also the system which permits school trustees of rural districts to vote sums so small as to implement the teachers' salary and for incidental expenses as actually to cost the government more to collect in stamps and labor than the amount so voted."

Speaking of the compilation of estimates Mr. Allison says:

"A reference to the summary of the estimates for 1915-16 will show that the expenditures are grouped under various services, and that the largest of these are: Civil government, \$1,709,566; education, \$1,594,000; public works, \$2,667,215; and miscellaneous, \$2,128,752."

"Since the organization of the former branch and water rights branch of the department of lands, and the increased activities of the department of agriculture, all of which are included under miscellaneous, this latter service has grown to such proportions as to call for a rearrangement in order to reflect more clearly the expenditures under their respective heads. Suggestions for the creation of two new services, viz., agriculture and lands, forests and water, have formerly been made by the auditor-general to the finance department, but without avail, and the opportunity is now taken of publicly drawing attention to a matter which certainly calls for remedy."

"Were we as eloquent as angels, we should please some men, some women, and some children much more by listening than by talking."—Colton.

"When pain can't bless, heaven quits us in despair."—Young.

FORTY PIONEERS WANTED

Recruiting for This Branch of Service is Extended to Interior Towns.

The work of recruiting the pioneers, a draft for which went away recently, has been extended to other parts of the province. Lieut. C. E. Richardson has been appointed recruiting officer for Nelson and other interior points. Capt. Galsford who has charge of the recruiting in Victoria, has been raised to the rank of major while doing this work. This announcement is contained in the last military orders.

Forty men are needed to make up the complement of one hundred Major Galsford is recruiting at the old drill hall. When the draft is completed, the men will be sent to England to reinforce the 1st Canadian Pioneer Corps, under Lieut.-Col. A. E. Hodgins.

PATRIOTIC AID SOCIETY

Numerous Recent Subscriptions Acknowledged, Including Departmental Donations.

The following are some of the recent subscriptions received by the Victoria Patriotic Aid Society: Officials of the B. C. provincial government, \$1,745.41; employees city hall, \$122; outside employees city hall, \$54.59; Victoria police department, \$53.25; Victoria fire department, \$56.10; captain, officers and crew of Restorer, \$46.50; captain, officers and crew of S. S. Salvor, \$18.25; officers and crew of C. G. S. Galliano, \$18.55; officers and crew of C. G. S. Newton, \$24.40; officers and crew of C. G. S. Quadra, \$25.90; officers and crew of C. G. S. Estevan, \$25.15; officers and crew of S. S. Charmer, \$27.50; officers and crew of S. S. Restless, \$14.50; crew of tug Sadie, \$10; crew of tug Swell, \$10; crew of tug Spray, \$10; engine-room staff of C. G. S. Malaspina, \$26.50; chief engineer's department, navy yard (per A. Knight), \$100; naval store officer's staff, navy yard, \$14; steamboat inspectors' office, \$10; Dominion government employees, Victoria breakwater and piers, \$40; B. C. dredging fleet (coast division) war fund: Dredge Ajax and tug Point Ellice, \$34.50; dredge Mudlark and Point Hope, \$37.30; dredge Victoria, \$9; Loblitz rock breaker No. 1, \$46; drilling plant, \$75; diving plant, \$12; Yarrows, Limited, and employees, \$130.30; staff, department of marine, Dominion government, \$77.75; Producers Rock & Gravel Co. and employees, \$26.35; employees V. Y. & S. Railway Co., \$12.50; employees C. P. R. ticket office, \$7; postmaster, and employees Victoria post office, \$112; staff Victoria customs house, \$105; staff inland revenue department, \$25; staff William Head quarantine station, \$115; staff and employees Sir John Jackson (Canada) Limited, \$27.50; staffs of various city banks (per T. H. Laundry), \$117.75; employees B. C. Land & Investment Agency, \$24.45; employees Heisterman, Forman & Co., \$10; employees Sayward block, \$19.50; employees Times office, \$68.50; employees Colonist office, \$164.50; employees Pacific Club, \$20; Employees Union Club, \$19.50; manager and employees Empress hotel, \$22.25; employees Canadian Explosives Co. office, \$18; employees Canadian Explosives Co., Shand plant, James Island, \$104; employees Hafet Machine Co., \$7; employees V. I. Power Co., \$16.75; employees Victoria Gas Co., \$4.99; employees B. C. Electric, \$44.72; staff B. C. Electric Railway Co., \$61.30; Messrs Acton Bros. and employees, \$13; employees Corcoran & Young, \$18; employees Kirkham & Co., \$29; employees Dix H. Ross & Co., \$17.20; employees Fleischman Co., \$4; employees P. Burns & Co., \$33.50; employees Messrs. Lange & Brown, \$2.50; employees Turner, Beeton & Co., \$57.75; employees Spencer's, Limited, \$103.30; employees Gordon's, Limited, \$9; employees Gordon Drysdale's, \$9; Messrs. Linklater and employees, \$12; employees D. E. Campbell & Co., \$15; employees Victoria-Phoenix, Brewing Co., \$31; employees D. A. Point Co., \$31.60; employees National Drug Co., \$5; employees Esquimalt Waterworks, \$32.50; staff R. V. White & Co., \$9; employees Hickman Tye Co., \$10; Victoria Typographical Union, \$25; Musicians' Union, \$5; Court Maple Leaf, A. O. F., \$5; Lansford Women's Institute, \$5; Allies Chapter 1, O. D. E., \$5; Agnes Deans Cameron Chapter 1, O. D. E., \$10; Camosun Chapter 1, O. D. E., proceeds of a tea given by the chapter at Mrs. Croft's, \$47.50; and proceeds of a sale of dolls at Mrs. Fell's, \$45; People's Prohibition Movement of B. C., donation from proceeds of sale of cartoons at Mr. Bengough's lecture, \$5; proceeds of raffle of a razor and gold mounted pipe, \$22; "Every Month," \$1; "M. B.," \$2; Anonymous, \$250; "A Helper," \$5; Anonymous, \$3; Anonymous, \$5; Anonymous, \$10.

WELSH DISMISSED

FROM CHARGE LAID

Court Finds He Was Not Guilty of Personation on Polling Day in Ward Five

James Welsh was freed from the charge of personation laid against him when his case was continued in police court this morning, and was dismissed.

W. H. Price, former secretary of the Victoria Conservative Association, was called on behalf of the accused to testify that he was actually on the list as a voter in Ward V. He had not seen Welsh on Saturday nor for months.

City Prosecutor Harrison said there was no doubt as to that point, or that he had voted in the election.

A. W. Altwood, deputy returning officer at the poll where the alleged personation was claimed to have taken place, was recalled and produced the poll book of the booth, in which it appeared that the man claiming to vote in the name of Ward had objected to vote.

Mr. Harrison, addressing the court, left it to his worship to decide upon the somewhat conflicting evidence which had been adduced. To his mind there was a similarity to the case being heard at Nanaimo, in the matter of the Quadra and Charmer. To the question "Did the Quadra show her whistle?" there were varying answers. Many most responsible men who were near by said she did not blow, and all the master mariners said the same, but people who were a mile and a half away distinctly heard her blow.

In this case there were three witnesses who saw this man, all knowing him well, heard him ask for a ballot, and refuse to be sworn and saw him turned out. No one was telling a falsehood in the case. On the other hand there was the negative evidence of the officials, some of whom denied and some admitted that Welsh or Ward was challenged or sworn, but they could not agree on the point. They could not agree as to whether Welsh did really come to vote or did not. The strongest evidence was that of the constable, Thomson, who had been a police officer, and who said the accused did not come into the polling place at all that day, although he was there most of the time.

The strangest thing about that was that he pointed out a man in the court at the time and said Ward looked like that man. A few minutes after, when it turned out that the man was Ward, and Thomson was called back, he was very uncertain he was the man or not. Ward, in the box, remembered coming to the polling place and not going past the middle of the room; he did not get near the booth at all. It was strange that he could remember coming to the polling place and being taken from it—all his wits apparently about him—and still never went to the booth. Thomson said he turned the man out three times, but Ward said he was put out only once.

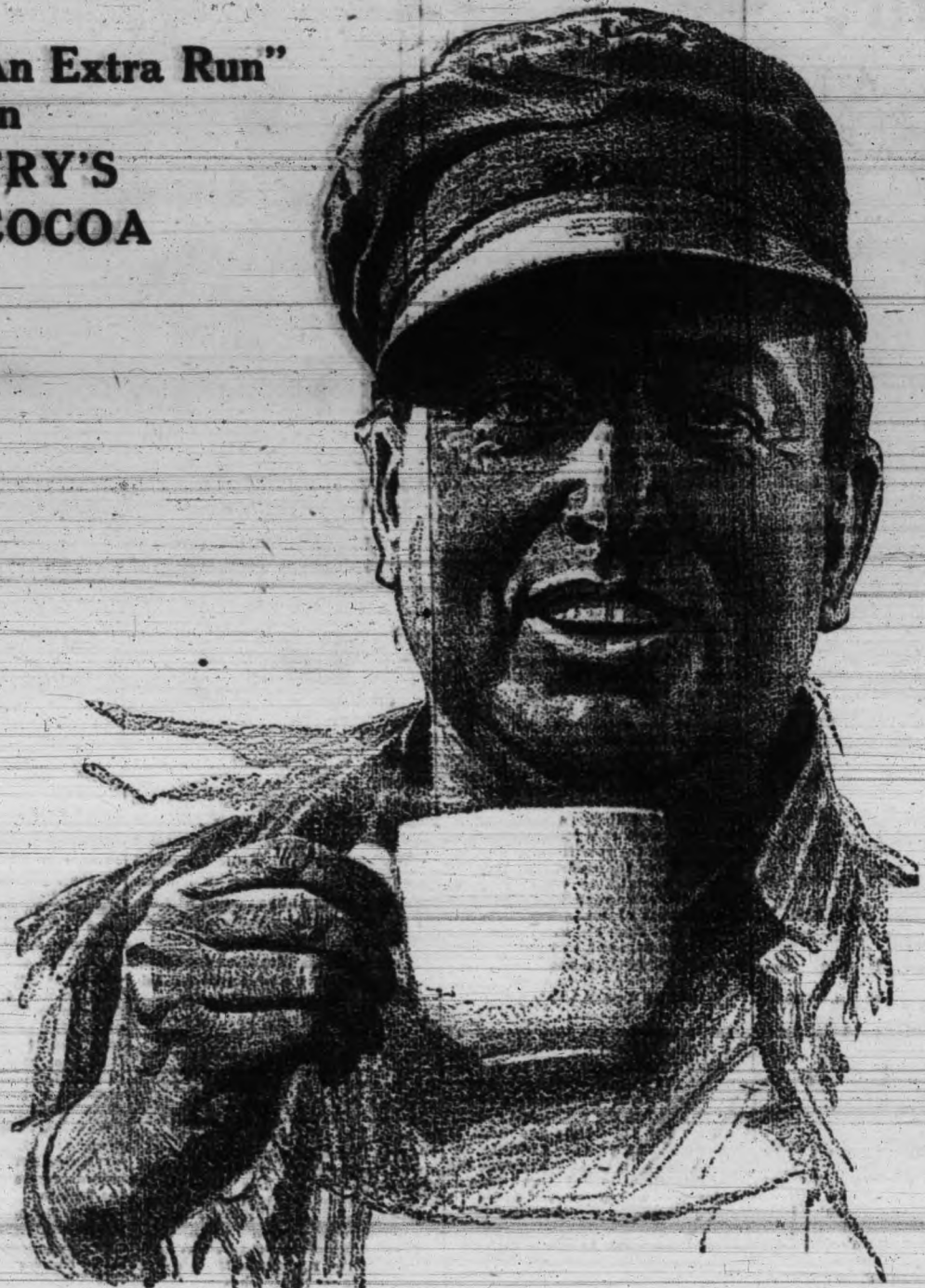
Magistrate Jay said there was no question Welsh had voted and was sober. Then came the "man" whom Welsh was charged with personating. Ward was charged with personating, and was removed because he was drunk. A good reason for believing that Welsh was not the man who was drunk was furnished by the fact that he did not appear in that court next morning for being drunk. From what the court knew of him and his police court appearance, if he had been drunk in the polling place he would have been in court next morning. Ward was very drunk, and was challenged. Another matter of note, Welsh had voted in that booth under his own name, as he had a right to do, and it was not at all likely that he would attempt to personate someone else in the same place. The accused would be discharged.

Welsh asked who had been instrumental in having him arrested. Was he not entitled to something for his loss of time and for false imprisonment?

The court could not give him any help, but was sorry he had been put to this indignity. All he could do was discharge him.

You sleep, but the boom of life never stops, and the pattern which was weaving when the sun went down is weaving when it comes up to-morrow.—H. W. Beecher.

A man is the whole encyclopedia of facts. The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn, and Egypt, Greece, Rome, Gaul, Britain, America, he folded already in the first man.—Emerson.

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LECTURES ON SEED

Professor Stevenson to Address First Meeting Under Auspices of Development Association.

The Victoria and Island Development Association has arranged to hold a series of lectures on seed cultivation, a new industry in Victoria which already has made considerable headway. The date of the first lecture will be announced on Monday. It will be the following Wednesday next, or the Wednesday following, Professor Stevenson, of the experimental farm at Sidney, will explain practical points on cultivation that will be beneficial to those who hope to make this a profitable business.

Seed culture has progressed in Victoria to the extent that Victoria grown seed is now being offered for sale here, and one grower already has sold all his seed for next season by contract. To further encourage the work the Development Association has arranged for a large exhibit of seed products from the experimental farm to be displayed in the association office, Fort Street, next week.

In connection with the proposal to hold a Canadian salmon day, the commissioner has sent to Sir George E. Foster, minister of trade and commerce, newspaper accounts of the American salmon day and exhibits of salmon packed in Victoria. Yesterday was American salmon day.

An intelligent look in man is what regularity of features is in women; it is the kind of beauty to which the most vain may aspire.—La Bruyere.

Irregularity urges us to take a step as much too soon as slowness does too late.—R. Cecil.

Ignorance is the mother of devotion.—Jeremy Taylor.

Russians at Gates
of Famous City

Mail and Empire, Toronto.

An evening newspaper dispatch says that the Turks are hastily evacuating Trebizond, thus indicating that the Russian army that stormed Erzerum is within a short distance of that ancient and famous seaport. In view of the fact that the distance between the two cities is only 120 miles, and that the road between them is said to be the best in Asia Minor, the fall of Trebizond was announced. While the city on the Black Sea in ancient history was famous for both its harbor and its defences, these have decayed under Turkish neglect, and Trebizond cannot offer a strong resistance against a victorious pursuing army on the one side and a Russian fleet on the other. The capture of Trebizond is no such achievement as that of Erzerum, nor is its strategic position so important. Nevertheless, it is one of the oldest cities in the world, and in the hands of the Russians is likely to become another Sebastopol, and to revive the glories of its youth and half-middle age, when it was the gateway between Europe and the east.

Old When Helen Smiled.

So old, indeed, is Trebizond that its origin is almost lost in the mists of history. It was a famous seaport in the days of the siege of Troy. It was the capital of Mithridates the Great's kingdom of Pontus, which was the last of the Hellenic states to defy the power of Rome. It was captured by Pompey, and Emperor Hadrian was so delighted with Trebizond that he granted it many valuable prerogatives, including fortifications for many

centuries. Hadrian also constructed for it a great harbor, but, according to "Ex-Attache," in the "Pittsburg Dispatch," Turkish neglect "has permitted the harbor to be choked by silt."

Taken by Goths.

Blessed with a wonderful climate and a magnificent situation, patronized by an emperor, and with natural strategic advantages as a seaport, it was almost unquelled. Trebizond became rich and famous, and on account of its strength, a sanctuary for Asia Minor. But its fame and wealth were its undoing, for they attracted the hostile attention of the Goths in the middle of the third century, when by a surprise attack they captured Trebizond and carried away amazing loot. However, the city recovered its prestige under the suzerainty of the Byzantine empire, and had grown so wealthy and strong and independent that early in the thirteenth century it was recognized as the capital of an empire named after it. This was brought about by capturing of Constantinople in the Fourth Crusade. The dynasty of Comnenus was overthrown at Constantinople, but Alexius Comnenus, a nephew of the last emperor, went to Trebizond and was there permitted to found a dynasty of his own. In course of time, with the assistance of a strong band of Iberians, Comnenus made himself master of most of the southern and eastern portions of the coast of the Black Sea.

The Princess of Trebizond.

It was this Comnenus who had the beautiful daughters whose fame spread over all the world, and it was through the marriages of these lovely girls that the Comnenus family was able to maintain itself in spite of the jealousy and covetousness of powerful neighbors. "Ex-Attache" says that there is to-day not a royal family

in Europe, except perhaps those of Serbia and Montenegro, that has not some blood of the beautiful princesses of Trebizond in its veins. The Comneni continued to reign as Emperors of Trebizond until the middle of the fifteenth century, when the last of the sovereigns, David, surrendered the city and all his dominions to Sultan Mahomet II. without a blow being struck. He was properly rewarded for his cowardice by the Turk, who executed him with six of his sons. One only escaped and finally made his way to Corsica. It was a descendant of this refugee who was married by Junot, Napoleon's general.

Fine Prize for Russia.

From 1462 until the present year Trebizond, known to the classics as Trapezus, has been a Turkish Pashalik. It is the centre of a narrow strip of wonderfully fertile, but practically undeveloped territory, which is supposed to have great mineral wealth. On the long side Trebizond is protected by a series of mountains, with but one pass, through which runs the road from Erzerum. It must have been along this road that Xenophon and his Ten Thousand made their march to the sea. The mountain barrier might have been utilized by the Turks and their German masters to make Trebizond relatively as strong as it was a couple of thousand years ago, but they appear to have thought that Erzerum was impregnable, and concentrated all their efforts there. The Russians, however, should be able to make the old town almost as strong as Gibraltar.

Men of the parts, they say, are often proud; I answer, dull people are seldom so, and both act upon an appearance of reason.—Shenstone.

What signifies a man's trade? A man of any honest trade can make himself respectable if he will.—George III.

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WIRELESS REPORT

March 11, 9 a. m.
Point Grey—Overcast; calm; 30.15;
45; thick.
Cape Lazo—Fog; calm; dense; 30.10;
48; thick seaward.
Pachena—Fog; calm; 29.78; 46; sea
smooth.
Estevan—Overcast; calm; 30.00; 40;
sea moderate.
Alert Bay—Overcast; S. E.; 29.92; 40;
sea smooth.
Triangle—Cloudy; N. E.; light; 30.30;
29; sea moderate.
Dead Tree Point—Clear; E.; 30.01;
28; sea smooth.
Ikeda—Clear; N. E.; light; 29.91; 37;
sea smooth.
Prince Rupert—Clear; calm; 30.14; 39;
sea smooth.

Noon.
Point Grey—Overcast; fog; calm;
30.05; 47; thick.
Cape Lazo—Fog; calm; dense; 30.02;
50; thick seaward.
Pachena—Drizzle; fog; S. E.; light;
29.70; 47; sea smooth. Str. Tees
aboard 11.30 a. m. northbound.
Estevan—Rain; S. E.; 29.92; 44; sea
moderate.
Alert Bay—Rain; S. E.; light; 29.92;
44; sea smooth.
Triangle—Fog; S. E.; light; 29.98;
42; sea moderate.
Dead Tree Point—Clear; calm;
29.88; 40; sea smooth.
Prince Rupert—Clear; calm; 29.98;
53; sea smooth. Str. Prince Rupert
passed out 3.15 a. m. southbound.

STEAMERS CHARTERED.

News from New York is that the
Norwegian steamer Henrik Ibsen,
which plied from Portland in the
service of the Portland and Asiatic Steam-
ship Company until that line was dis-
continued, has been chartered at \$77,
600 a month to carry general cargo
from New York for Genoa via Alex-
andria, her engagement being for 12
months. The new American-Hawaiian
steamer Arisan, built to carry lumber
from Portland and other North Pacific
ports to the Atlantic side, has been
taken to handle coal from Newport
News to the west coast of South Am-
erica at \$14 a ton.

TIMES SHIPPING CHART

Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents	From	Due
Solko Maru	Halley	2,900	C. P. R.	Kobe	March 11
Monteagle	Halley	2,900	C. P. R.	Hongkong	March 11
Saikai Maru	K. Hori	2,800	C. P. R.	Hongkong	March 14
Chikago Maru	K. Hori	2,800	C. P. R.	Hongkong	March 23
Kamakura Maru	Higo	2,800	C. P. R.	Hongkong	March 31
Tamba Maru	Nagase	2,800	C. P. R.	Hongkong	April 6
Makura Maru	Phillips	2,800	C. P. R.	Hongkong	April 9
Empress of Asia	W. Davidson	2,800	C. P. R.	Hongkong	April 14
Yokohama Maru	Shinoko	2,800	C. P. R.	Hongkong	April 14
Tacoma Maru	Hamada	2,800	C. P. R.	Hongkong	April 18
Manila Maru	Kobayashi	2,800	C. P. R.	Hongkong	April 23
Empress of Russia	Robinson	2,800	C. P. R.	Hongkong	May 7

Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents	For	Due
Niagara	Rolls	2,800	C. P. R.	Sydney	March 15
Thetys	Cullum	2,800	C. P. R.	Hongkong	March 15
Shidzuka Maru	Tosawa	2,800	C. P. R.	Hongkong	March 17
Monteagle	Halley	2,900	C. P. R.	Hongkong	March 21
Mexico Maru	Yamaguchi	2,750	C. P. R.	Hongkong	March 24
Chikago Maru	K. Hori	2,800	C. P. R.	Hongkong	March 24
Kamakura Maru	Higo	2,800	C. P. R.	Hongkong	March 31
Makura Maru	Phillips	2,800	C. P. R.	Hongkong	April 12
Canada Maru	Surga	2,800	C. P. R.	Hongkong	April 18
Tamba Maru	Nagase	2,800	C. P. R.	Hongkong	April 18
Empress of Russia	W. Davidson	2,800	C. P. R.	Hongkong	April 23

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Monteagle	Halley	2,900	C. P. R.	Hongkong	March 21
Mexico Maru	Yamaguchi	2,750	C. P. R.	Hongkong	March 24
Chikago Maru	K. Hori	2,800	C. P. R.	Hongkong	March 24
Kamakura Maru	Higo	2,800	C. P. R.	Hongkong	March 31
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EMPRESS OF ASIA COMING IN APRIL

Big C. P. R. Liner Will Take
Sailing of Empress of Rus-
sia From the Orient

It is announced that the C. P. R. liner
Empress of Asia has been substituted
for the Empress of Russia, and will sail
from the Orient on March 22, arriving
here on April 8.

When the announcement of the re-
turn of the big liner to the Trans-
Pacific route was made in January,
the schedule called for the Empress of
Russia to leave Hongkong on March 22,
and the Asia on April 30. Now the sail-
ings have been switched, and the Em-
press of Asia will take the sailing
dates formerly assigned to the Russia.
It is stated that the repairs and re-
placing work is more advanced on the
Asia than on the Russia, and as a
result the sailings have been changed.

Some time ago it was stated that the
masters of the two liners had been
transferred, but not until today did it
become known that there would also
be a change in the schedule. Capt. W.
Davison is stated to be now in com-
mand of the Asia, while Capt. Robin-
son, who was master of that vessel,
has gone to the Russia.

The Empress of Asia was the first
of the C. P. R. boats to be taken over
by the admiralty, and she has not been
seen at this port since before the out-
break of hostilities. When war was de-
clared the Asia was at Hongkong, and
she was immediately requisitioned by
the authorities. She spent some time
guarding the entrance to Manila har-
bor to prevent German merchant men
escaping with supplies for hostile war-
ships. When she was taken over work-
men were placed on board and they
hurriedly removed the beautiful fur-
nishings and fittings. After being re-
leased the work of refitting commenced,
and early in the year the new schedule
providing for the sailings of the four
steamers operated by the C. P. R. on
the trans-Pacific route was announced.
The Empress of Japan has made two
trips to port since she was turned back
to the company, and early next month
the Asia will again be seen here.

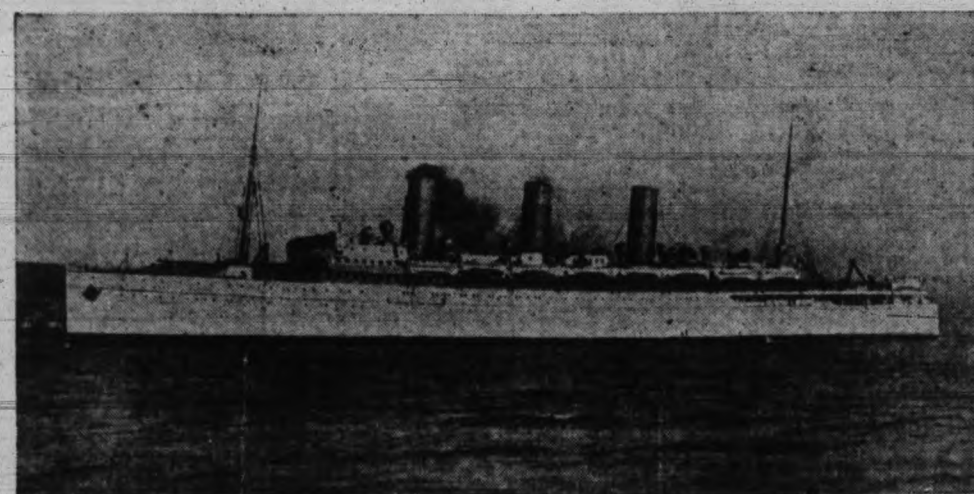
MADE LONG VOYAGE.

One reason for the long voyage of
the Norwegian barque Olivebank was
divulged by Capt. Osterhus on the ar-
rival of the ship at Portland. Under
instructions from the owner, who re-
sides in London, the vessel was ordered
to shape her course via the Cape of
Good Hope, Africa and Australia, so
as to avoid raiders. After reaching the
Antipodes, the ship had head winds in
making her way northward and then
berth attacked some of the crew,
while one man was the victim of blood-
poison. She made Callao so the sail-
ors could receive treatment.

HAD STORMY VOYAGE.

Coming from Newcastle via Port
Allen, the schooner Blakeley, "Capt.
Manka, arrived at Port Townsend yester-
day, and will proceed to Winslow
for overhauling and then will load at
Port Blakeley for Australia. The
Blakeley had a stormy voyage. When
three days out from Newcastle she ran
into a gale which lasted three days.
The vessel being loaded with coal for
Port Allen and having a inexperienced
crew, Capt. Manka for a time
thought his vessel was doomed. Capt.
Manka says sailors are scarce in Aus-
tralia.

TAKES SAILING OF EMPRESS OF RUSSIA



C. P. R. LINER EMPRESS OF ASIA.

LINER MONTEAGLE

IN FROM THE ORIENT
C. P. R. Steamer Docked This
Afternoon; Other Vessels
on Voyage to This Port

The C. P. R. steamer Monteagle,
Captain Halley, arrived from the
Orient this afternoon. She reached
Whitman Head shortly after 2 o'clock,
and after receiving pratique proceeded
to the outer wharf. Advice received
yesterday placed the time of her ar-
rival at the quarantine station as noon,
so that she is pretty well on schedule.
The Osaka Shosen Kaisha freighter
Seiko Maru is also due from the Orient
to-day, but had not been reported this
afternoon. Another freighter of this
line, the Siakai Maru, is expected on
Tuesday.

R. P. Rithet & Co., agents of the line,
were to-day advised of the sailing of
the liner Chicago Maru from Yokohama
on March 3. She is due next
Saturday and will discharge 550 tons
of freight at this port. The Chicago
has four first class passengers. Thirty-
six of her stowage passengers will
land here, and she has 150 others
bound for points in the United States.
W. R. Dale, agent of the Great
Northern Railway, agents of the Nip-
pon Yusen Kaisha, to-day received ad-
vice that the Kamakura Maru sailed
from Yokohama on March 3 and is due
here on March 23. She has twenty-
three passengers and 553 tons of
freight for Victoria. The liner also has
144 passengers for Seattle.

The Shidzuka Maru is to sail out
for the Orient on Friday. She will
carry a capacity cargo.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Portland, Ore., March 10. Arrived: Str.
J. A. Chanter and Shasta, from San
Francisco. Departed: Str. Veronica,
for London.
San Francisco, March 10. Arrived: Str.
Governor, from San Diego, via San Pedro;
str. Hoquiam, from Gray's Harbor; Jap.
str. Perla Maru, from Hongkong; str.
Oleum, from Seattle; str. Carmel, from
Willa; str. Adeline, from Coos Bay.
Sailed: Str. McVie, for Tacoma;
str. Centralia, for Manzanilla; str. Daisy
Gadby, for Portland; str. Defender, for
Papeete, via Puget Sound; ship Falls of
Clyde, for Honolulu; str. Capt. A. F.
Lucas, for Seattle.

San Pedro, March 10. The str. Bear
arrived from Portland to-day. Lumber car-
riers arriving to-day were the str. Ray-
mond, from Willapa, with 70,000 feet,
and the str. Bowdoin, from Redondo
Beach, with a partial cargo. The str.
Shim-Tak sailed to-day for Puget Sound
to load lumber. The str. Daisy Putnam
departed for Portland via Redondo Beach
to load.

Victoria, B. C., March 10. Arrived: Str.
Niagara, from Sydney, N. S. W., via
Honolulu, for Vancouver, B. C., and
proceeded for Vancouver. Passed: Str. Caddo,
from Lobnitz, for Vancouver, B. C.; str.
Werrisbe, from Sydney, N. S. W., for
Vancouver, B. C.

Vancouver, B. C., March 10. Arrived:
Str. Caddo, from Lobnitz, for Seattle.
from Sydney, N. S. W.; str. Niagara,
from Sydney, N. S. W., via Honolulu.
Seattle, March 10. Arrived: Str. Yuki
Maru, Kobe; str. President, Vancouver,
B. C.; str. Bellingham; str. Mexico Maru,
Vancouver, B. C.; str. Admiral Schley,
Tacoma; str. Admiral Evans, Tacoma;
str. Morning Star, British Columbia
ports; yacht Dolaura, Victoria, B. C.
Sailed: Str. President, San Diego, via
Victoria, B. C., and San Francisco; str.
Admiral Schley, San Francisco; str. Jef-
ferson, Southeastern Alaska; str. Hornet,
Mukilteo; str. Eastholm, British Colum-
bia ports; str. Fulton, British Columbia
ports.

Hongkong, March 8. Arrived: Str.
Shinyo Maru, from San Francisco.
Yokohama, March 8. Arrived: Str. Ta-
coma Maru, from Seattle for Hongkong;
str. Kumi Maru, from Puget Sound.
Melbourne, March 9. Arrived: Str.
Ohama, from San Francisco.
Pago, Pago, March 8. Sailed: Str.
Sierra, from San Francisco for Sydney,
N. S. W.

SHORTAGE OF SHIPS

Little Probability of Early Re-
turn of Old Standard of
Freight Rates

Lloyd's annual summary of the
world's shipbuilding for the year 1915,
the main figures of which were pub-
lished when the report was issued, does
not hold out much promise of an early
return to the old standards in freight
rates, even with the aid of such action
as the governments of the belligerent
powers may take, says the Montreal
Gazette. In all the maritime coun-
tries of the world, save Austria-
Hungary and Germany, from which
no returns were received, the number
of vessels measuring over one hundred
tons actually launched was 743, their
tonnage being given as 1,201,638. Not
since 1895, when 880 ships of 1,218,160
tons were launched, has so small a
total been approached. The meaning
of the figures of last year may be
understood by comparing them with
those of 1914, when 1,319 vessels, or
2,852,793 tons were launched, and with
those of 1913, when 1,750 vessels,
measuring 3,322,882 tons—the latter the
highest figure in the record—entered
the waters.

While the decline was most noted in
the case of Great Britain, it was gen-
eral throughout the world, only Den-
mark, Norway and Sweden showing in
1915 a greater tonnage launched than
in 1914. There were, no doubt, other
causes behind such a state of affairs,
but the war overshadowed them all;
either by depressing enterprise or by
calling men away from peace indus-
tries to national service in the field or
the workshop.

The British record for 1915 of 377
vessels, of 550,918 tons, is the smallest
in the twenty-four years for which
figures are given. In 1914 the 663
vessels launched from British yards
had a measurement of 1,165,200 tons,
while in 1913, 1,062 vessels launched
had a measurement of 1,400,729 tons.
By this standard 1915 was the great-
est year in the shipbuilding industry
of the United Kingdom. All but ten of
the new British-built ships were
steamers, some of large size. Forty-
two exceed 5,000 tons measurement,
two being between 10,000 and 12,000
tons and one of 13,400 tons.

The greatest demand appears to have
been for vessels of between 1,000 and
2,000 tons, of which thirty-three were
launched, those classified as between
4,000 and 5,000 tons coming next and
numbering twenty-six. The ordinary
steam engine was placed in the greater
number of the ships launched, though
in the larger vessels, generally for
passenger service, the turbine ap-
pears to be preferred. The six with
Parsons' turbines averaged nearly
9,000 tons measurement. Two large
vessels, averaging over 5,000 tons, had
internal combustion engines, using oil.
The device appears to have passed out
of the field of experiment, and as
for some services it offers many ad-
vantages over coal-using engines, it is
to be expected that its use will
steadily increase.

There is reason to expect as well as
to hope that the present year will
show an improvement on the record of
1915, especially in the British yards,
which ordinarily turn out between 50
and 70 per cent. of the world's new
tonnage. A short time ago it was
announced that the admiralty was to
free some of the yards which will be a
good thing in a double sense, indicat-
ing as it does that the equipment of
the naval service is counted fairly
equal to the duties it has to discharge.
The builders thus freed should not
lack orders. Even with the releasing
of a large number of merchant ships
from military transport service, the
loss of vessels from ordinary causes,
and the destruction through war
operations, will have created a short-
age that some years will be required
to make good.

TWELVE JAPANESE STEAMERS CHARTERED

Seattle, March 11.—James Griffiths
& Sons have chartered 12 Japanese
steamers, each for one round voyage
between Seattle and Vladivostok and
Japan. The steamers chartered are
the Asama, Shinbu, Talyo, Tami, Un-
kai No. 3, Meikai, Ide, Nichiyo, Ata-
gusan, Kurohime, Tamon No. 15, and
Uma.

SCHOONERS TO ENTER

PHILIPPINE TRADE
Two Windjammers Have Been
Chartered for Trip From San
Francisco; Big Rates Paid

San Francisco, March 11.—Wind-
jammers are again going to Manila
after an absence of many years from
the trade between this port and the
Philippines. The fact that this trade
is assuming large proportions was
manifest yesterday when the charter
of two schooners for Manila trips was
announced.

The schooner Alpha has been char-
tered by Atkins & Kroll, of San Fran-
cisco, for a voyage to Manila, at \$13,
000, and the schooner Columbia has
been taken by the same firm for \$30,
000 for a like voyage. The schooner
Andy Mahoney, which has been under
charter to Atkins & Kroll, has been
tought by the firm for the South Sea
trade.

The height to which windjammer
prices and profits are soaring was
shown when it was announced that
the power schooner Archer was to
make a voyage to Manila. It was only
recently that the Archer was sold by
the Tacoma & Roche Harbor Line
Company to C. Henry Smith for \$12,
000. The vessel is now reported to
have been sold by Mrs. Smith to
Swayne & Hoyt for \$30,000.

The steam schooner Jim Butler was
chartered by Andy Mahony yesterday
to the Compagnie du Boleo for one
year at \$225 per day.

MOTOR BOAT OWNERS ARE SEEKING REFORMS

The Prince Rupert Motor Boat As-
sociation is sending a circular letter
to various public bodies throughout
the province seeking support in a
movement to ask the government to
place the motor boat in a class by it-
self, and provide a ticket which will
allow one man to act as chauffeur or
driver as is done on a motor car. The
letter reads in part as follows:

We want the right to do on the
water just what the automobile does
on the land; to operate our boats as
water taxis, without the handicap of
carrying a certified engineer, who does
not legally exist and who is not neces-
sary.

We want to take the \$100 a month
(which we would be obliged to pay
for a useless man whenever business
warrants it) and put it in motor power,
better equipment, or build better
boats. We are the backbone of our
future inland merchant marine and
naval reserve.

That a motor boat up to 65 feet in
length shall be required to carry but
one licensed officer.

That local examiners and examina-
tions be limited to the require-
ments of the motor boat.
That proper provision be made for
such officers to qualify for larger
boats.

Instead of doing everything in its
power to prevent tickets being issued
to men who have proved their ability
the department should adopt the policy
of coaching candidates on any point
in which they lack.

What we need is not a few men
qualified for large vessels, but a great
fleet of vessels manned by our own
people, and we should help our own
people to qualify as officers.

WAS PRIZE OF WAR.

A letter has been received from Capt.
S. Vint, master of the New Zealand
steamer Walkawa telling of his arrival
at Melbourne, from Vancouver and
San Francisco. The Walkawa was
formerly a German steamer which was
captured and sold by order of the prize
court. Her first British owners named
her the Maritima, and under that name
she carried coal from Newport News
to Bremerton. The Union Steamship
Company, of New Zealand, bought her
and christened her the Walkawa and
Capt. Vint was placed in charge. In
his letter Capt. Vint says "the Hun
ship is eminently satisfactory, and
goes well on a very moderate consump-
tion." The steamer is now loading
wool at Melbourne, and will arrive
back at Vancouver in April. Capt.
Vint thinks the wool cargo will be a
record.

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April 1—S. S. "Tuscania".....Cunard S. S. Line
April 6—S. S. "Andania".....Cunard S. S. Line
April 8—S. S. "New Amsterdam".....Holland-American S. S. Line

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SERVICES in the CITY CHURCHES

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT.

ANGLICAN.

Christ Church Cathedral, Burdett-avenue. Holy communion, 8 a. m.; choral communion and sermon, preacher, Rev. A. H. Greenwood; matins and sermon, 11 a. m.; holy baptism, 4 p. m.; evening service, 7 p. m.; preacher, the dean.

St. Matthew's Mission, Walseley street, Fowl Bay. Sunday school, 3 p. m.; evening service with sermon at 7 p. m.

St. Luke's, Cedar Hill. Rector, Rev. J. D. MacKenzie-Naughton. Matins, 11 a. m.; Holy communion, 8 a. m.; Sunday school, 10 a. m.; morning prayer and holy communion, 11 a. m.; evening prayer, 7 p. m.

St. Barnabas, corner of Collins street and Caledonia-avenue. Preacher for the day, Ven. Archdeacon Sweet. Holy communion at 8 a. m.; choral matins and hymns, 11 a. m.; evening service, 7 p. m.; Rector, Rev. S. G. Miller.

St. Mark's, Boleyn road. Rev. J. W. Flinton. Choral. Holy communion, 8 a. m.; children's service, 3 p. m.; evening service, 7 p. m.

St. Mary's, Burns street, Oak Bay. Holy communion at 8 a. m.; matins and sermon, 11 a. m.; Sunday school, 2:30; holy baptism, 4 p. m.; evening service, 7 p. m.

St. Saviour's, Victoria West. Rector, Rev. Robert Connor. Holy communion, 8 a. m.; morning prayer and hymns, 11 a. m.; Sunday school, 2:30; evening prayer and intercession at 7 p. m.

St. John's, corner of Quadra and Mason. Rector, Rev. P. Chadwick. M. A. Holy communion, 8 a. m.; morning prayer and sermon at 11 a. m.; oratorio, 11:30; Sunday school and Bible class, 2:30; evening prayer and sermon, 7:30 p. m.; preacher, the rector.

St. Paul's Royal Naval Station and Garrison church. Rector, Rev. W. Baugh Allen. Holy communion at 8 a. m.; matins and sermon, 10:30; Sunday school, 2:30 p. m.; evening service, 7 p. m.

St. James', corner Quebec and St. John streets. Preacher for the day, Rev. H. T. Archibald. Holy communion, 8 a. m.; matins and sermon, 11 a. m.; Sunday school, 2:30 p. m.; evening service, 7 p. m.

Oaklands Church of England Mission. Sunday school, 11 a. m.; Holy communion, 11:30 a. m.; Rector, Rev. J. D. MacKenzie-Naughton. M. A. B. D.

Pemberton Memorial chapel. Morning prayer, hymns and sermon, 11 a. m.; nurses' patients' members of hospital staff and residents of the neighborhood cordially invited to attend.

St. Jude's Mission, Obad avenue. Rev. M. P. Hilton. Holy communion, 11 a. m.; Sunday school, 2:30; evening service and sermon at 7 p. m.; Pte. G. Wells, 12nd Battalion, of Vancouver.

REFORMED EPISCOPAL

Church of Our Lord, corner Blanshard and Humboldt streets. Rector, Rev. A. H. Greenwood. Morning service, 11; evening service, 7; Sunday school, 2:30 p. m.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

St. Andrew's cathedral, corner of Blanshard and View streets. The Right Rev. Alexander MacDonnell, D. D., V. G. Rector. Mass, 8 a. m.; Holy communion, 10 a. m.; V. G. Rector, Rev. Donald A. Macdonald. Rev. Anselm Wood and Rev. John Leo Bradley.

Masses, Sunday, low mass with five-minute sermon at 8 and 9:30 a. m.; high mass with sermon at 11 o'clock; vespers and benediction of the blessed sacrament at 3:30 p. m.; Holy days of obligation, low mass at 6:15, 8:30, and high mass at 11 a. m.; rosary and benediction at 7:30 p. m.; every Saturday and every Thursday before the first Friday of the month in the afternoon from 1 until 6 o'clock, and in the evening from 7 until 9. Baptisms are performed Sunday afternoons at 2 o'clock and at other times by appointment.

St. Joseph's, Esquimalt. Rev. John F. Silver, pastor. Holy communion at 7:45 a. m.; mass, sermon and benediction at 11 a. m.; Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Week day mass at 8 a. m.

St. Mary's, Victoria West, attended by Rev. John F. Silver. Mass and sermon every Sunday at 9:30 a. m.; Sunday school at 10:15 a. m.; rosary, short instruction and benediction at 7:30 p. m.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Willows. Rev. Charles P. Higin. Curate. Masses, Sunday, low mass with short sermon at 8 a. m.; high mass with sermon at 10:30 a. m.; rosary and benediction of the blessed sacrament at 7:30 p. m. Holy days of obligation, mass at 7 and 8 a. m. Confessions as at the cathedral. Baptisms by appointment.

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PRESBYTERIAN.

First, corner of Quadra and Flegard streets. Minister, Rev. J. G. Inkster. R. A. will preach both services. Sunday school and Bible class, 9:45; church services, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

St. Columba, Mitchell and Granite streets, Oak Bay. Rev. R. A. Macdonnell, minister. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m.

Gorge, corner Flegard road and Walter-avenue. Minister, Rev. S. Lundie. Service at 11 a. m.; Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Knox, 202 Stanley-avenue. Services, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Bible class at 1:30 p. m.; Sabbath school at 2:30 p. m. Rev. J. McCoy, M. A., pastor.

St. Paul's, corner Henry and Mary streets, Victoria West. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Pastor, Rev. H. N. Maclean.

St. Andrew's, corner of Douglas and Hougham. Rev. W. Leslie Clay, B. A., D. D., minister. Public worship at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; the minister preaching at both services. Men's Bible class at 12:15 p. m.; Sunday school and other Bible classes at 2:30.

Erskine, Harriet road, north of Blanshard road. Rev. S. Lundie, B. A., minister. Services, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m.

Hollywood Presbyterian Sunday school, Wildwood-avenue. Rev. S. Lundie, B. A., minister. Services, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m.

St. Aidan's, Mt. Tormie. Rev. W. J. Kidd, D. D., minister. Sunday services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school and Bible class, 10 a. m.

Lake Hill and Gordon Road. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school, 2:30 p. m. Rev. J. Johnston, minister.

BAPTIST.

Emmanuel, corner Fernwood road and Gladstone-avenue. Fernwood, car-ter services, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school and Bible classes, 2:30 p. m. Barclay Sunday school, Shelbourne street and Knox road, 2:30 p. m.

First Dominion Theatre building, Yates street. Rev. J. B. Warnecker will conduct the services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school and Bible classes at 2:30 p. m.

Douglas street, at car terminus. Services will be held Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school, 2:30 p. m. Preacher, Rev. M. Habershon.

Taharacna, Fairfield road and Chester street. Rev. Robert Cameron, D. D., pastor. Morning service, 11; evening service, 7:30; Bible school, 2:30.

METHODIST.

Metropolitan, corner of Pandora and Quadra streets. Pastor, Rev. C. T. Scott, B. A., D. D. Class meeting, 10 a. m.; public worship at 11 and 7:30; Sunday school, 2:30; Brotherhood, 2:45.

Centennial, Gorge road, one block from Government street. Rev. A. S. Colwell, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school and Bible classes at 2:30 p. m.

Barnside, corner of Burnside and Mill-grove roads. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Fairfield, temporary premises, corner of Fairfield road and Moss street. Rev. A. B. Osterwald, will preach at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school and Bible class at 2:30.

Wesley, McPherson-avenue, Victoria West. Pastor, Rev. S. J. Thompson. Regular services at 11 and 7:30 p. m. James Bay, corner Menzies and Mitchell streets. Rev. F. N. Stupford, M. A., B. D., pastor at 11 a. m. Sunday school and adult Bible classes, 2:30 p. m.; evening service, 7:30 p. m.

Oaklands, Gosworth road. Sunday school and adult Bible class, 11 a. m.; evening services, 7:30.

Belmont-avenue. Rev. John Robson, B. A., pastor. Services at 11 and 7:30 p. m. the pastor, Sabbath school at 2:30.

Garden City, Carey road. Sunday school, 2:30 p. m.; preaching service, 7:30 p. m. Rev. A. E. Redman will preach.

Esquimalt, corner Admiral's road and Lyall street. Pastor, Rev. R. Hughes. Morning service at 10:30 o'clock. Sabbath school and adult Bible class, 2:30 p. m. Evening service at 7 o'clock.

Hampshire Road, Morning. II. Sunday school, 2:30; evening, 7:30. Pastor, Rev. E. C. Curry.

LUTHERAN.

Corner Princess-avenue and Chambers street. Services 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Pastor, O. G. M. Gerlich.

UNITARIAN.

First, corner Fernwood road and Flegard street. Service at 11 a. m. Rev. Walter Letham, pastor.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 333 Pandora-avenue. Services are held on Sunday at 11 a. m.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Nazarene, corner Flegard and Chambers. Rev. Adam Walker, pastor. Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor; Sunday school, 12; class and praise meeting, 7 p. m., followed by preaching by the pastor.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Congregational church, corner Quadra and Mason streets. Rev. Charles

A. Sykes, B. D., pastor. Regular services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sabbath school and adult Bible class, 2:30.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS.

Society of Friends. Meeting house, Fern street (off Flegard). Meeting for worship, 11 a. m.; mission meeting, 7 p. m.

BIBLE STUDENTS.

Associated Bible Students meet in I. B. S. A. hall, Yates street. Bible study, 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.

SYNAGOGUE.

Congregation Emanuel-El, Blanshard and Pandora. Services, 1 every Friday evening.

OTHER MEETINGS.

Connaught, Seamen's Institute, 3; Wright Hall, secretary and port mission.

The Psychic Research society will hold their Sunday services in the hall, 718 Courtney street, at 3 and 7:30 p. m. Conference by Mrs. M. A. Danila, of Liverpool, England.

Christians gathered to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ meet in Victoria hall, 116 Blanshard street, near Pandora street. Sunday, 11 a. m., breaking of bread, 2 p. m., Sunday school, 2:30 p. m., evening meeting.

Christians meet in Oakland Gospel hall, corner Hillside-avenue and Cedar, 1111 Broadway, 11 a. m., breaking of bread, 2 p. m., Sunday school, 2:30 p. m., evening meeting.

The Theosophical Society meets at 3 p. m. on Friday and 7:30 p. m. on Wednesday, at 222 Campbell building.

Seventh Day Adventist, corner Hillside-avenue and Graham street. Services Sabbath (Saturday), 10:30; prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

Welsh society, Knights of Columbus hall, Yates street, 12:30 p. m.

Strangers' Rest. Service will be conducted on Sunday evening at 7:30.

Progressive "Glorious Temple" corner Pandora and Blanshard streets. Dr. W. Butler will lecture at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. Children's school at 2.

The Divine Psychic Society will hold service at 12 Herald street, on Sunday evening at 7:30. Soul messages after the lecture. Mrs. L. Reams will lecture.

Shelbourne Street Hall. Sunday school and adult Bible class at 2:30.

Christadelphians meet in the hall, 1041 North Park street. Sunday school, 10 a. m.; breaking of bread, 11 a. m.; lecture at 7:30.

The Psychological Society will hold their service on Sunday at 7:30 p. m. in the A. O. F. hall. Broad street, when Mrs. L. D. Coombe, the well-known lecturer from Tacoma, will give an address.

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Saturday Sermons

By Decimar Seven.

The Value of Decision

Many careers have been sadly marred by a lack of decision. Opportunities have been abundant, but a wavering and hesitant spirit has let them all slip, and the shuttle of life has nearly spent itself before these too cautious ones awake to find themselves no longer courted by the gracious opportunities of former years.

No greater occasion has ever presented itself to the men of any age in the history of the race than the present European war. It challenges the best we have within us, and it is no respecter of persons; the call is to the highest in the land, and equally clear to the humblest. To the youth standing on the verge of life's possibilities, to the fullgrown man who knows the joys of honest toil and the love of home, to the middle-aged who thinks the time has almost come for them to slacken their energies and to enter their autumn with the calm satisfaction which a well-spent youth alone can provide to all these, the call is insistent and imperative, and most men know it; however indifferently they may express themselves they know it, and feel the duty laid upon them—but.

That word "But!" In simple language, many men lack the spirit of decision; they are just as patriotic as heart as the man at their front; they suffer daily with the most careful reader of the war news; the shadow is over them just as thickly as it is over anybody; to call them cowards would be a cruel libel; they are giving their money in many cases to the various funds, and to a large extent are sharing the burden of the war, but— "But" again, they fail to understand the priceless value of decision. The man who has nothing to justify his remaining at home should decide today to offer himself for the service of the empire; and to the nervous and Hamlet-like individual the best pos-

sible advice is—Do it now! Whatever this may cost, even though it mean a desperate sacrifice, the postponing of some desired event to which there has been a long forward look, the sudden snapping of the most tender ties—never mind, get into the great procession, and as you do so, know that in the highest and noblest sense this day has salvation come to thine house. The holiest office in life is to serve. A man who were a carpenter's apprentice taught this idea by the Syrian Sea, and lost his life over it, but his name is still ringing down the centuries, and nothing sweeter has been set to music. The appeal is to the heroic, and the call is "Come and Suffer" that others may be saved.

The gigantic struggle must come to an end. Its very immediacy heralds the fact that at no far distant date the curtain must be rung down on the greatest exhibition of savagery the world has ever seen. Then must come a reconstruction of things, with war as we know it today, let us hope, for ever impossible. Wherever fluttering from the doors of half the homes of our empire what will be the feeling of self-respecting men who failed to act in the great hour of the nation's need—who, because of their lack of decision allowed the other man, to go while they discussed the matter with amazing care and woeful deliberation while the enemy thundered his bloody way across the peaceful fields of Flanders and France to menace the capital of the British people? What shall we say—and what can we think when we see the strong men of our acquaintance return with the mark of the great struggle upon their faces and broken bodies, and we, forsooth, remain whole. How can we meet the inquiry of little children; how can we meet the searching pleadings of our own heart, how can we answer the voice of God, if we remain inactive until the great war becomes written history in which we played no part? To be happy, act; and act today. Make the great decision, and for you there will be no more regrets. You will have done your part, and this will bring its own reward.

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Monday—Colfax Sewing Circle, 2 p. m. Victoria Lodge No. 1, 8 p. m.

Tuesday—Colfax Rebekah Lodge No. 1.

Wednesday—Columbia Lodge No. 2.

Thursday—Dominion Lodge No. 4.

Colfax Sewing Circle.

The regular weekly meeting of the circle will be held on Monday afternoon next at 2 o'clock.

P. N. G. Association.

A very interesting meeting of this association was held last Tuesday afternoon.

Colfax Rebekah Lodge.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of this lodge will be held next Tuesday evening. Sister A. G. Butterfield, president of the Rebekah Assembly will pay her official visit to the lodge at this session, and it is hoped a large number of members will attend to welcome the worthy president. The degree of Rebekah will be conferred, and at the conclusion of the meeting a social hour or so will be spent. Sisters are requested to bring refreshments. At 4 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon members of Colfax Lodge will entertain Sister Butterfield at the Empress hotel, where afternoon tea will be served.

Degree Staff Practice.

The members of the degree staff of Colfax Rebekah Lodge will meet for practice this evening at 7:30 o'clock. All members of the team are requested to be present.

Vancouver Encampment No. 1.

The regular meeting of the encampment was held last Tuesday evening, and at the conclusion of a brief session the members spent a pleasant hour or so with cards. The whist tournament will be continued at the next session.

Columbia Lodge No. 2.

At the conclusion of a brief lodge session last Wednesday evening the members took part in the whist tournament which was inaugurated some time ago. Bro. F. Taylor, P. G., won the game with a score of 141 points. The three highest scores in the tournament to date are: Bro. A. Kent, 356; Bro. W. Farquhar, N. G., 352; Bro. J. Thompson, V. G., 350.

Bro. D. Dewar, team captain, requests the members of the degree team to be on hand next Wednesday evening to practice in the initiatory degree.

An important matter will come up for discussion at the next meeting, and the officers hope there will be a large attendance.

Dominion Lodge No. 4.

The third degree was conferred in this lodge last Thursday evening, and the initiatory degree will be exemplified next Thursday evening. The officers will be pleased to have all members of the team on hand in order that the degree may be conferred in the usual satisfactory manner.

SONS OF ENGLAND.

On Wednesday evening a party of the Sons visited Court Northern Light A. O. F. for a whist drive. Refreshments were served and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The Sons won by 47 points. Lodge Rebekah of the 1st and will meet on Tuesday evening in the A. O. F. hall at 8 o'clock. Juvenile Lodge Young England No. 8 will meet on Thursday at 7 o'clock in the A. O. F. hall. Lodge Alexandra is to meet the same evening at 8 o'clock.

A. O. F.

Court Victoria No. 5300, Columbia district, will hold its regular meeting next Wednesday evening, to which all members of Court Camosun are invited to pay a fraternal visit and engage in a friendly game of whist. This visit will

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be a memorable one in the history of Forestry in Victoria, as it will be the first occasion of which a fraternal visit will be paid by a court forming the new island district to one in the old. The old district embracing all of British Columbia was instituted on September 8, 1874, in Victoria, and was instrumental in spreading Forestry throughout all of British Columbia and the state of Washington. Court Victoria, along with four other courts of the same name, has remained loyal to the British Forestry, two of these being in Nanaimo, one in South Wellington and one in Alberni. Every effort is being put forward to make this the beginning of many such meetings, and the members of Court Victoria should be out in force on this occasion.

Letters addressed to the Editor and intended for publication must be short and highly written. The longer an article the shorter its chance of insertion. All communications must bear the name of the writer. The publication or rejection of articles is a matter entirely in the discretion of the Editor. No responsibility is assumed by the paper for MSS. submitted to the Editor.

THAT FEW INCIDENT.

To the Editor: With regard to a letter in your paper describing the treatment received by a young soldier in one of our city churches, the action of an irate pewholder, I would like to take this opportunity as a member of that congregation in expressing regret for myself and many other members at the incident, and can assure your correspondent and the young soldier that this would not have occurred if he had been shown into almost any other pew in the church.

The holders of this pew are well known for their warped views of what is right on these occasions, and it would not have made any difference as to the social standing of the person. We wish to heartily welcome the young soldier, and can assure him of better treatment next time. We can only be thankful that such pewholders are few in our churches and belong to a bygone generation and have little influence in these more enlightened times. I am very pleased at the castigation meted out by your correspondent to them, and only hope that they will benefit by it and amend their ways before it is too late; also that it will be a warning to all church authorities on the iniquity of selling reserved seats in the House of God.

CHURCHMAN.

SAANICH SCHOOL MATTERS.

To the Editor:—Will you kindly correct the wrong impression given to the public in your issue of March 5 under "Will Attempt to Systematize Work" in the last two paragraphs.

1. The protest referred to does not mention anything about a trustee being paid member of the board; as unfortunately the School Act says this may be done. It is really a plea to the board of trustees to deal honorably and justly to those applicants for whom they advertised, at the same time protesting against the injustice received. The charges are as follows:

(1) Because the trustees have broken faith with the 30 applicants, in that they accepted and considered the application of the lady trustee some nine days after the time advertised, and with her vote and their own appointed her secretary, the said lady trustee's vote making a majority in her own favor.

(2) Because the trustees have appointed a married woman to this position when there were 30 male applicants, most of whom were married men, heads of families, needing work. The charge made against the teachers is wholly unfounded. The only teacher who has seen the protest is a friend of the secretary and a member of the Ward Ratepayers' Association, and as such saw it. No teacher is asked to sign, nor is it shown to them, nor even the relatives of teachers, if it is known. Why the school secretary should insist that when the protest was read at the ratepayers' meeting in his presence, and the lady knew who read it, and that the reader was one of her supporters, until the above took place, I cannot understand.

In conclusion nothing personal has been intended or shown. We look upon it as a breach of honesty toward the applicants, because of the position occupied by a public servant, aided by other two public servants and condemned by the remaining two. Surely this is not personal in the usual interpretation of that word.

FREDERICK LEFFTS.

Saanich, March 10.

THANKS.

To the Editor:—I take this means of thanking most heartily those ladies and gentlemen who took part last night in the splendid entertainment, under the auspices of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, in aid of the funds of the Willows Y. M. C. A. The entertainment was a splendid success financially and in every other way, and the thanks of the Willows Y. M. C. A. committee are due the ladies in charge, the performers, the 88th band, Mr. Denham, who acted as stage manager; your paper, for the splendid advertising you gave us; Messrs.

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Well Known Mining Engineer
is in City After Visit to
Hawaiian Islands.

An enthusiastic believer in natural gas as an aid to Canadian industrial development is Eugene Coste, of Calgary, the well known mining engineer, and president of the Canadian Western Natural Gas Company.

Mr. Coste has just returned from a visit to the Hawaiian Islands with Mrs. Coste, and the Misses Coste. Their present plans include a visit to California.

Having written extensively on the subject of the volcanic origin of natural gas and petroleum, Mr. Coste says he found in the volcanoes of the island of Hawaii much to interest him, and to confirm his theory of the origin of natural gas.

Mr. Coste, speaking of the situation in Alberta, says the natural gas is becoming extensively used, particularly in the towns of the southern portion of the province.

"The company with which I am connected," he observed, "takes its product from a point 40 miles from Medicine Hat, and it is piped to Calgary by way of the smaller cities, Lethbridge, Macleod and so on, supplying fuel for the gas stoves in the city."

Mr. Coste's party will make a short stay in Victoria before proceeding south.

Mr. Coste is a well known authority on the natural gas situation, of which he has made exhaustive studies, and has held important positions in the engineering world, including the office of president of the Canadian Mining Institute. He was associated for some time with the geological department of the federal government. After entering private practice, he opened up and equipped the Welland natural gas field, and has since visited many of the natural gas fields of the world.

INDIAN COMMISSION

Payments Made to J. P. Shaw, a Member of the Legislature, Will Be Investigated.

The following questions will be asked of the premier by Mr. Macdonald, Vancouver, at the earliest opportunity:

1. Is the Mr. J. P. Shaw (who is a member of the Indian Land Commission, and who, according to the report of the Auditor-General of Canada, and the report of the Auditor-General of British Columbia, received payment for 265 days' services at \$20 per day from April 1st, 1914, to March 31st, 1915, inclusive, and also received \$10 per day living allowance for the same period), the same Mr. J. P. Shaw who sits as a member of this legislature for Kamloops electoral district?

2. Did the said Mr. J. P. Shaw sit as a member of this House during the session of 1915?

3. How much money did the said Mr. J. P. Shaw receive from the treasury of this province on account of his attendance at the session of 1915?

4. During what period was this House in session in 1915, and what number of days did it sit?

5. If it appears that the said Mr. J. P. Shaw has received payment for services and living allowances from the Dominion treasury (one-half of which is paid from the treasury of the province of British Columbia) at the rate of \$30 per day, and also for a portion of the same time received indemnity and mileage on account of his attendance at a session of this House, will this government take any action to recover all or any portion of such moneys?

6. Are the members of the Indian Land Commission paid at the rate of \$20 per day for every day only on which they actually work, and are the said members paid a living allowance of \$10 per day for each day only on which they actually work?

7. Did the Indian Land Commission work every Sunday from April 1st, 1914, to March 31st, 1915; if not, why has the said J. P. Shaw been paid for 365 days during the said period from April 1st, 1914, to March 31st, 1915?

8. If it appears that the said J. P.

Shaw has received moneys for days on which he did not work, will this government take any action to recover all or any portion of such moneys?

9. When will the Indian Land Commission complete its work?

10. Has this government received any final or interim report, or copy of either thereof, issued by the Indian Land Commission; and, if so, will the government place copies of such report before the members of the House?

11. How much does the province of British Columbia contribute to the cost of the commission appointed by the Dominion government to investigate Indian reservations in British Columbia?

12. What year was the commission formed?

13. What has been the total cost to the British Columbia government up to date?

OBITUARY RECORD

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Belford will take place from the B. C. Funeral chapel at 2.30 on Monday, Rev. A. deB. Ower officiating.

The death occurred this morning of Mrs. Salome Emery, widow of the late J. R. Emery, 418 Parry street. The deceased was 89 years of age, and had lived in the city for the past twenty-five years. She was a native of North Hatley, Quebec. A grown-up family survives. The remains are reposing at the B. C. Funeral chapel, where they will remain until Monday afternoon. The funeral will take place from the family residence at 2.30 on Tuesday afternoon, proceeding to James Bay Methodist church, where services will take place a few minutes later, Rev. F. N. Stogdole officiating, assisted by Rev. J. Robson.

The funeral of Mrs. Victoria Clapton, who died at the Jubilee hospital yesterday, will take place on Monday afternoon at 2.45 from the B. C. Funeral chapel, Rev. Dr. Scott officiating.

CITY PRODUCE MARKET.

There was a good attendance today, with a wider range of products on sale. Most of the stalls were taken, and the display was better than has been the case for some weeks past. Prices generally held firm, with a tendency to a slightly lower level in some lines. They ruled at the following average figures:

Fruits—Apples, \$1.85, \$2.00 and \$2.25 per box.

Dairy produce—Eggs, 30 cents per dozen; 2 dozen for 55 cents; butter, 40 and 45 cents per lb.

Vegetables—Cauliflower, 5 cents each; onions, 10 lbs. for 25 cents; turnips, 14 cents per lb.; parsnips, 14 cents per lb.; carrots, 14 cents per lb.; beets, 2 cents per lb.; cabbage 5 cents each; lettuce, 3 for 10 cents; kale, 3 cents per lb.; leeks, 3 for 10 cents; potatoes, \$1.40 per sack.

Meats—Beef, 10 to 18 cents per lb.; veal, 16 to 20 cents per lb.; pork, 12 1/2 to 18 cents per lb.; mutton, 18 to 20 cents per lb.; fowl, 22 cents per lb.; chickens, 25 to 28 cents per lb.

Fish—Smelts, 3 lbs. for 25 cents; cod, 10 cents per lb.; filleted cod, 12 1/2 cents per lb.; halibut, 12 1/2 cents per lb.; herring, 2 lbs. for 15 cents; flounder, 12 1/2 cents per lb.; smoked fish, cod, 15 cents per lb.; smoked salmon, 15 cents per lb.; crabs, 12 1/2 cents per lb.

SCHOONERS CLEARED.

Port Townsend, March 11.—After keeping the wires busy between here and Washington for two days, the department has given the schooner Endeavour permission to clear with a non-certified crew. Capt. Olson and agents for the schooner set forth that all means had been exhausted to comply with the law in regard to a certified crew. Deputy Collector Pringle received instructions last evening from the department that, upon being satisfied that all means had been exhausted to comply with the law, to clear the Endeavour without compelling the vessel to make a cash deposit of \$500, as required by law under previous instructions.

The Endeavour will clear to-day for Sydney with lumber loaded at the Hastings mill, Vancouver. As a result of the instructions, the schooner Kit-sap towed here last evening from Port Blakeley and will also be permitted to clear with a non-certified crew, as she has been unable to comply with the law. She is bound for Honolulu.

GRANDSON OF BEBEL PASSED AWAY AT JENA

Amsterdam, March 11.—The family of August Bebel, the famous German Socialist leader who died in 1913, is doomed to extinction through the death of his only grandson, which has just occurred at Jena. This young man, who was the son of Bebel's daughter, an only child, was born at Zurich and was greatly beloved by Bebel. Soon after the outbreak of the war he had to go into the army through the mobilization of the Swiss troops. He was not able to stand the hardships of the service, however, and soon developed symptoms of consumption; but instead of going to a health resort, as advised by his physicians, he went last October to Jena to begin his studies at the university. He leaves no sister and his mother is a widow.

ENTOMOLOGISTS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

Numerous Interesting Papers Discussed at Morning Session

The annual meeting of the British Columbia Entomological Society convened this morning in the Provincial Museum at the Parliament Buildings, the vice-president, E. H. Blackmore, in the chair.

A number of scientific papers were contributed at the session, among them being that by R. C. Treherne, secretary of the society, on "The Occurrence of Glutopis singularis, Burgess, in British Columbia." Mr. Blackmore's on "Species of the Genus Pero in British Columbia," and Germain Beaulieu's on "The Syrphidae in British Columbia."

Attention was drawn to the fact that the cottony maple scale very commonly found on ornamental trees, gooseberries, etc., is on the increase in this province. The matter was dealt with by T. Wilson.

"Consideration in the Control of Aphids" was taken up by E. H. Strickland's paper, which drew attention to many interesting facts in connection with the common grey aphid found on the cabbage and cauliflower. The convention was given some information about the number of parasites existing which are a form of natural control of this nuisance, and the suggestion made that these should receive more consideration in fighting the aphid.

"Insects affecting forest trees in Stanley Park, Vancouver," was the subject of the discussion opened by J. M. Swaine's paper. It was noted that Stanley Park comprises an area of approximately one thousand acres, which is surrounded on three sides by water and on the fourth side by the city of Vancouver. The insects that affected the trees were contained within a limited area and had full scope to increase and develop, with the result that to-day the spruce and hemlock were practically destroyed, while the cedars and firs were in good condition.

Dr. Hadwen, of the Health of Animals branch of the Provincial Live Stock Dept., dealt very fully with the tick situation, especially in its relation to human health. It was shown that bites by wood ticks in the upper country often produced paralysis in human beings, and a number of cases were reported where children had died as the result of such bites. The speaker advised those affected by ticks to apply oil or vasoline to the body of the tick. Dr. Hewitt's informative bulletin on the subject of Canadian ticks was recommended to those who were particularly interested in the subject.

A resolution recommending that the society urge the provincial government to undertake an investigation about the food habits of birds with a view to discovering just how far they were injurious and how far beneficial to the farmers was introduced and passed by the meeting, the mover contending that in his estimation birds did very much more good than harm to the agricultural districts where insect pests were such a menace.

J. R. Brown, of Yernon, said that he would like to see something done in the way of museum work in the schools.

YUAN SHI KAI HAS NOT SET A DATE YET

Peking, March 11.—By special command of President Yuan Shi Kai the plans for holding the enthronement ceremonies in February were cancelled and no date has been set as yet for the president's accession. The reason assigned for the postponement was the disturbance in the province of Yunnan, but the earnestness with which the entente powers advised delay is believed to have been a factor in the decision.

While the postponement saved Yuan Shi Kai from immediate international complications, it has not improved his domestic position. In fact it is heavily charged with indication of his weakness in that he yielded to pressure from Japan and the other foreign powers.

One of the chief charges the revolutionists have brought against the president is that he has not improved the standing of China in the eyes of the world powers, and they have blamed him with truckling to Japan on various occasions.

MANY BRITISH POSTAL EMPLOYEES SERVING

London, March 11.—More than 50,000 post office employees have enlisted in the army, states a high official in the department, with the result that the service is now handicapped by a shortage of labor. Except in the case of the larger cities, mail deliveries have been cut down to two a day, while the hours the post offices are open have been shortened. No Sunday deliveries made yet as to Sunday deliveries, London has none in peace times, but a Sunday morning visit by the postmen. Women have supplanted men in as many departments as possible.

NOT ACROSS AT 4 P. M.

Washington, March 11.—At four o'clock this afternoon the war department had no information to indicate that American troops had yet crossed into Mexico at any point.

THE GAULT DIVORCE CASE AT OTTAWA

Expected Evidence Before Committee Would Be Concluded This Afternoon

Ottawa, March 11.—Mrs. Hamilton Gault occupied the stand during the greater part of the morning before the senate committee which is hearing the Gault divorce suit. She gave her evidence clearly and without confusion, denying in toto the allegations contained in the petition. She admitted, however, a playful attempt on the part of the co-respondent to kiss her. During the course of her evidence reference was made to the strained relations existing between husband and wife as far back as 1913, and it is understood that certain names of Montreal's upper ten were mentioned.

Capt. Bruce Bains Smith, co-respondent, appeared on the stand with his left hand in a sling and heavily bandaged. It is stated that he was wounded in the spine and had two fingers shot off while in charge of the machine gun section of the Princess Pats.

Both he and Major Gault and Capt. Stephens, the latter's brother-in-law, who also is a son-in-law of Hon. A. E. Kemp, were in the same hospital at the same time. Capt. Bains Smith denied utterly the charges made in the petition. Dr. Laidlaw, who examined Capt. Bains Smith in Ottawa, testified to his condition following the wounds received. It is understood that he found some lack of co-ordination still existing between his faculties as a result of the injury to his back.

None of the witnesses were in uniform. Major Hamilton Gault is tall and dark, with a sombre face and a diminutive moustache. He is immaculately dressed. Mrs. Gault is a handsome woman of a darker type. The case will be completed this afternoon.

ACTIVITY ALONG SUEZ THROUGHOUT THE WINTER

London, March 11.—A correspondent writes from Cairo: From time to time rumors of the most sensational kind have been circulated, but there can be no doubt that the military authorities are running no risks as far as the defence of the Suez Canal is concerned.

The canal zone was made a restricted area long ago in the most restricted military sense. Any person desiring to travel by railway to any station within the canal zone is required to obtain a special permit which is obtained only after searching inquiries on the part of the military officials. This permit may be either temporary, for such as require to pay any frequent visits to Port Said or Suez for business reasons. Any permit is revocable on the instant at the will of the officials.

In the case of foreigners, application first must be made to the proper consular authority. The application is then forwarded to the Public Security department for investigation.

Before returning from any place in the canal zone, the traveler must obtain a return permit, properly stamped by the governor of Port Said or Suez or the Mayor of Ismailia. Similar restrictions apply to persons residing within the canal zone and desiring to travel to any station outside of it. In many ways the canal zone is ideal for defensive purposes. The railway runs along the west bank of the canal from Port Said for 60 or 70 miles. There has been intense activity throughout the entire canal belt throughout the winter.

SEIZURE HAS ANNOYED GERMAN REPRESENTATIVE

Washington, March 11.—Protest against seizure of the American steamship Edna by a British cruiser was placed to-day before the state department by Representative Kahn, of San Francisco, on behalf of the vessel's owners. Mr. Kahn said the Edna, which the entente powers advised delay is believed to have been a factor in the decision.

The department took steps to begin at once an inquiry into the facts through consular agents with a view to making representations to Great Britain.

The Edna was taken to Port Stanley.

AUSTRIA WRESTLING WITH BREAD SHORTAGE

Rome, March 11.—It has been learned that according to a ministerial order, the amount of flour allotted to each person in the country districts of Austria has been reduced from 400 to 300 grams weekly. The same order provides that persons who do not possess a home—for instance, bachelors who live in hotels or pensions—and who therefore have no need of flour, are entitled only to bread and not flour. No family may draw more than one kilogram (2.2047 pounds) of flour plus bread per person in the space of two weeks.

LESS PAUPERISM IN ENGLAND AND WALES

London, March 11.—The record of pauperism in England and Wales during 1915 was the lowest ever reached. Comparing 1915 with 1914, the ratio shows a decrease from 23.2 to 15.3 per thousand, a falling away of practically one-half. Pauperism in London separately has not declined in the same proportion, nevertheless the percentage in this period has been cut down from 25.3 to 18.9. As compared with 1914, last year showed a decrease in every division of England and Wales of 59,702 persons, or 11 per cent.

COMMISSION SAT AT REGINA TO-DAY

Regina, March 11.—A short preliminary sitting of the royal commission investigating the bribery charges was held this forenoon. Mr. Justice Elwood and Mr. Justice Brown made arrangements to continue the proceedings on March 20. H. V. Bigelow, K. C., and P. H. Gordon appeared to represent J. E. Bradshaw, M. P. for Prince Albert, who made the charges. H. Y. Macdonald, K. C., appeared for Hon. J. A. Sheppard, Hon. A. P. McNab, S. R. Moore, member for Pinto Creek, and other members named in the charges. The rules of the civil courts as to the admissibility of evidence will govern. Mr. Justice Brown announced, without restricting hearsay evidence which may be introduced.

The commission will investigate also the charge which arose from the evidence of H. C. Pierce, member for Wadena, that Hon. Robert Rogers and certain brewers had conspired to defeat the Saskatchewan government on its temperance legislation. This charge will be prosecuted by H. E. Sampson, crown prosecutor.

TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, March 11.—Wheat closed 11 to 12.00 from yesterday, with May at 10.00 to 10.00 and July at 10.00. The fluctuation was narrow, and the trading not very brisk. Oats were 11 to 12.00, better to 12.00. Barley was 11 to 12.00, better to 12.00. Flax was 11 to 12.00, better to 12.00. Corn was 11 to 12.00, better to 12.00. Soyabean was 11 to 12.00, better to 12.00. Clover was 11 to 12.00, better to 12.00. Alfalfa was 11 to 12.00, better to 12.00. Hay was 11 to 12.00, better to 12.00. Stock was 11 to 12.00, better to 12.00. Grain was 11 to 12.00, better to 12.00. Produce was 11 to 12.00, better to 12.00. General was 11 to 12.00, better to 12.00.

After a steady morning, prices took a sharp break between 10 and 11 o'clock. This seemed to be due to the indifference of the Liverpool market and the unwillingness of traders to carry wheat over the week-end. The market lacked snap and hung fire half the time. In the cash business there was a fair demand for wheat, with offers very light. In oats the demand was better for the lower grades. The spreads were unchanged from yesterday.

Wheat—	Open.	Close.
May	110 1/2	109
July	110 1/2	109 1/2
Oats—		
May	41 1/2	41
July	41 1/2	41
Barley—		
May	64	64
Flax—		
May	210	209
July	211	210 1/2
Cash prices: Wheat—1 Nor., 100; 2 Nor., 106; 3 Nor., 106; 4, 101; No. 5, 97 1/2; 6, 94.		
Oats—2 C. W., 39 1/2; 3 C. W., 37 1/2; extra feed, 37 1/2; 1 feed, 39 1/2; 2 feed, 39 1/2.		
Flax—1 N. W., 3 1/2; No. 4, 3 feed, 3 1/2.		
Flax—1 N. W., C. W., 2 1/2; 3 C. W., 2 1/2.		
	%	%

To-day Is the Last Day of Our Clearance Sale

There are still a number of genuine bargains left, so come early and make your selection. You'll be sorry later if you miss this splendid opportunity of supplying your needs with first-class goods; and at the same time making every dollar do double duty.

Towel Prices Cut in Half

We are selling to-day a special lot of Sample Towels consisting of Turkish, Linen Huckaback, plain hemstitched and embroidered Towels at just exactly half their regular price. This affords an excellent opportunity for the thrifty housewife to replenish her towel supply at very little cost.

Mattresses

Regular	Sale	Regular	Sale
Ostermoor, 4ft. 6in.	\$15.75	Waldorf Box Spring, 4ft. 6in.	\$25.00
Ostermoor, 3ft. 6in.	\$12.50	Waldorf Box Spring, 3ft. 6in.	\$14.75
	\$9.75		\$14.75

Upholstered Easy Chairs

We are clearing out a number of Upholstered Easy Chairs, which have been used for showroom samples, at greatly reduced prices. It will pay you to have a look at these.

Regular \$25.00 Chairs, for ..	\$15.00	Regular \$30.00 Chairs, for ..	\$20.00
Regular \$31.50 Chairs, for ..			\$17.50

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Our own specially prepared Furniture Polish, which will not scratch or cloud, but will clean, polish and beautify all polished wood surfaces. It will renew the former resplendent beauty of your furniture. Contains nothing injurious. Cash prices, per bottle, 25¢ and 50¢.

"3-in-1" Oil, per bottle, 10¢ and ..	15¢
Brilliantshine Brass Polish ..	25¢

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If you do you'll appreciate the price and quality of these wash day accessories.

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Wringers, each, \$4.75 to ..	\$9.90	The "Enamel King" Washboard is hard to beat at ..	45¢
"Eureka" Wringers, with steel springs, \$4.50 to ..	\$9.90	Galvanized Wire Clothes Lines, 100 ft.	45¢
Oval Wash Baskets, each, 90¢ to ..	\$1.80	Galvanized Wire Clothes Lines, 50 ft.	23¢
Square Wash Baskets, ea., \$1.35 to ..	\$2.70	Cotton Clothes Lines, 60 ft.	23¢
Fibre Wash Tubs, 85¢ to ..	\$1.80	Cotton Clothes Lines, 50 ft.	18¢
The "Brass King," a really cheap board at only ..	45¢	Dominion Spring Clothes Pins, per doz., 5¢	
The "Northern Queen," a washboard we strongly recommend at ..	36¢	Ordinary Wooden Clothes Pins, 3 doz., 10¢	
The "Globe" Washboard, heavy zinc front and strong wood frame. Each ..	27¢	Household Mangle, each ..	\$10.80
		Acme Washers, each ..	\$10.80
		Clothes Bars, each ..	\$1.35
		Ironing Boards, 4 ft. 6 in.	80¢
		Ironing Boards, 3 ft. 6 in.	60¢

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ENFORCE ASSESSMENTS ON OAK BAY AVENUE

Condition of Surface Continues to Puzzle Members of Council

"We are between the B. C. Electric Railway on the one hand, and the owners on the other, and I think there should be some finality," said Alderman Cameron yesterday in streets committee of city council, in speaking to the motion to repair Oak Bay Avenue. The position with regard to this avenue is that while the work done is admitted bad, the owners, in an effort to have the street resurfaced, are met by the difficulty concerning the street car trackage. The B. C. Electric Railway declines to change the rails, maintaining that considerable expense was incurred some years ago, and that it is unjust to force the company to add to its outlay.

There has been for some years an impasse, the last negotiations having arrived at a point when the owners were willing to stand the cost, but the company absolutely refused to meet its share.

"The department has again been requested by your committee," the engineer stated, "to report upon the assessing of the above street for improvement work carried out between Port Street and Ford Bay Road."

"The by-law provided for the widening of this street, for the construction of sidewalks, necessary drainage, sewer connections, etc., and also for tar macadamizing. Reports were made in May and July, 1909. The estimated cost was \$12,368.25. The actual cost of the work completed in 1910 was \$29,559.83. This does not include interest, which in 1913 amounted to over \$10,000. The city's share of the cost was estimated at \$15,000, but the actual cost to the city was considerably in excess of this, and a by-law was submitted to the people asking them to approve of this additional expenditure, but this by-law was voted down."

"The question of resurfacing this street has been before various committees, who have met, at different times, the property owners, but so far no satisfactory settlement has been arrived at."

"The cost of putting down a bituminous or asphalt pavement was estimated at about \$42,000, and resurfacing with tar macadam about \$12,500."

"One of the difficulties in connection with this has been the refusal of the B. C. Electric to re-lay new rails, as they claim the present rails are quite satisfactory."

"The only solution I can suggest is to assess the property owners for the cost of all the work carried out to the present time, with the exception of resurfacing."

The comptroller said the owners had indicated a determination not to pay the assessments till the street was put in a good condition. The matter had been dragging on for six years, and the interest and other charges were mounting up.

Alderman Fullerton supported the proposal, and eventually the suggestion of Alderman Todd was accepted, to refer the clause to the city solicitor, to ascertain if the tax resurfacing was effected, whether the city could collect the assessments without further trouble.

How You May Reduce Your Weight

Overindulgence is a very unwelcome condition, especially in the present day, when slender figures are so fashionable, and every reader of this paper has noticed the tendency of some people to put on an excessive amount of fat.

If you happen to be one of those whose weight is more than it should be, don't try to starve yourself, eat all you want, but go to your druggist and get oil of oriolene in capsule form and take one with each meal.

Oil of oriolene increases the oxygen-carrying power of the blood and dissolves the fatty tissue. In many cases it reduces the rate of one lb. per day. Be sure to get oil of oriolene in capsule form. It is sold only in original sealed packages. Any good druggist has it, or a large size box will be sent on receipt of \$1.00. Address: D. J. Little Drug Co., Box 1240, Montreal, Can.

Eight companies of cyclists can carry 25,000 rounds of ammunition as against 72,000 carried by a whole cavalry division of nearly 3,000 men.

Among the latest inventions is an oil reservoir inserted in the handle of a saw to enable its user to lubricate the blade while operating it by pressing a button.

The Life Guards are the only regiment who now retain their own medical and veterinary officers and have mounted pioneers, who ride before the regiment bearing the axen.

Be a pattern to others and then all will go well; for as a whole city is affected by the vices of prominent men, so it is likewise reformed by their moderation. Cicero.

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SUBURBAN STORES WANT EXEMPTION

Special Treatment Under Closing By-law is Sought by Storekeepers

Another side of the argument with regard to compulsory store closing at 6 o'clock was presented to the council in streets committee yesterday afternoon. Retailers in the suburbs were represented in the personnel of the deputation which waited on the members to present their case on the matter.

It was represented to the aldermen that the suburban keepers of stores wanted the opportunity to transact business after the hour when the downtown stores closed their doors. The spokesmen objected to the claim that the Retail Merchants' Association represented the sentiment of the storekeepers generally. The merchants downtown complained of unfair competition, yet they were themselves guilty of that, in selling goods for less money than the small storekeeper could purchase them from the wholesalers, it was stated.

In answer to a question, the members of the deputation assured the aldermen that the best time for doing business in the suburbs was from 6 o'clock to 9 o'clock in the evening.

The deputation had varying views with regard to a territorial limit for early closing.

Leaving a petition embodying their case, the delegation withdrew.

A Frightful Death! Suffocated in Asthma Attack

Every sufferer from asthma knows the terror, the abject fear that overcomes them when struggling for breath. The old fashioned Catarrhose zone, which cures asthma after hope is abandoned. It's because Catarrhose zone kills the asthma germ that it cures. Choking spells and labored breathing are relieved, suffocating sensations and loss of breath are cured. Every trace of asthma is driven from the system, and even old chronic experience immediate relief and lasting cure. Equally good for bronchitis, throat trouble and catarrh. The large one dollar outfit includes the inhaler and lasts two months, sold by all dealers or from the Catarrhose Co., Kingston, Canada.

FINAL EFFORT TO SETTLE ASSESSMENT

Dundas Street Owners Must Delay Decision No Longer

The streets committee of the city council yesterday decided to confer with the owners of Dundas Street property. If they will not agree to a settlement, the work will be completed and assessed according to the by-law. Dundas Street assessment has presented much difficulty for months. A compromise on the basis of closing up the by-law, with an assessment for such work as was done, did not commend itself to the owners.

The engineer reported: "On Dec. 31, 1914, a committee composed of the chairman of your committee, city solicitor and city engineer made a full report upon this matter."

"The estimated cost of the work was \$25,142. The work was commenced, and the sum of \$18,922.25 was expended in grading and carrying out underground work. The property owners afterwards petitioned against these improvements, stating they did not require a boulevard, and the council, upon the request of the property owners ordered the by-law closed and a new one prepared. In February, 1915, the engineer further reported upon this matter and called attention to the fact that no new by-law had been prepared, but no further action seems to have been taken."

"No work was done upon the street east of Catherine Street, and the property owners in this section object to being charged with any part of the cost of the improvement. The committee above referred to suggested several alternative propositions for the closing of this matter, but it was referred back for the purpose of trying to get the property owners to arrange upon a mutually satisfactory course, but this too has been unsuccessful."

"It appears to me that the only way to bring this matter to a head is for the city to decide to go on and complete the work as called for in the original by-law and make the assessment. If this suggestion is carried out the property owners will no doubt get together at once and arrange upon some definite course, as the assessment, providing the work is completed, would be so heavy that I think in some cases it would amount to confiscation of the property."

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WILL INVITE TENDERS FOR SEAWALL REPAIRS

Ross Bay Protection Wall is to Receive Attention; Storm Effects

Tenders are to be invited for repairing the damage at Ross Bay seawall, where the storm has cracked the wall and caused a settlement of the parapet.

Alderman Feden explained the extent of the damage at the meeting of the streets committee of city council yesterday afternoon.

Alderman Walker believed that the pile drivers could be got into Ross Bay on a fine day, and Alderman Todd supported the proposal.

The committee adopted a suggestion of the engineer's not to reconstruct a large number of surface drains, to care for storm water, at the present time, owing to the expense. The matter arose from the frequent complaints of flooding during the recent heavy rains. In the same connection the council will be asked to construct a surface drain from Langford street by way of McCaskill and Grimith streets to Selkirk street. The estimated cost is \$1500.

The committee agreed to send on to the finance committee, with a favorable recommendation, an application from Lt.-Col. Henniker, of the 103rd Battalion, for free water for the swimming pool at the new armory, during the time it is occupied by the overseas battalions.

In connection with matters arising out of the sub-division of Agmadale estate, the committee decided to invite ex-Senator W. J. Macdonald to meet the committee at its next session, to determine the dimension of the streets.

HUMANE SOCIETY'S WORK.

Public Generally Showing Increased Interest in Labors of S. P. C. A. and Blue Cross.

Locally interest in the work of the S. P. C. A. and the Blue Cross is on the increase. This is general. With the exception of the annual meeting presided over by the Duke of Connaught, Toronto has never had a more enthusiastic or more largely attended meeting of the Humane Society than the annual meeting held lately. The report received deals with many matters of general interest.

The Bishop of Toronto presiding, remarked that it was difficult to get up an interest in anything not pertaining to the war. The Toronto society, however, has in no way suffered financially or in interest, possibly because people were becoming more humane, more enlightened, or more merciful, because of the chastening of war or because their attention has been drawn towards the sufferings of animals in warfare.

It is interesting to learn that contributions to all the well-known charities have shown an increase, for people have been taught that money is good for other purposes than to spend on themselves.

Some reports of the work undertaken are extremely interesting. The inspectors have enforced better stabling for animals; war also has been waged against the check-rein, that abomination has gone out of fashion; the five and ten dollar fines imposed during the year have done much towards killing the custom and to-day the highly checked horse is as much out of fashion as the crinoline.

One of the greatest efforts has been directed against cropping dogs' ears. This cruel practice has survived in Canada long after it has ceased to be countenanced in the U. S. A. or Great Britain. Cropping has been condemned by leading veterinary authorities the world over. "We shall go on," says the report, "till cropping in Canada becomes as scarce as the Great Auk. If we have to carry our campaign to the heart of legislative wisdom at the capital we shall not hesitate."

The next great effort of Toronto Humane Society is to be directed towards securing a rest home for horses, and, although \$10,000 or \$12,000 will have to be expended to secure 40 or 50 acres for the purpose, Toronto expects next July to build the first rest for animals in Canada.

Other important discussions included the protection of birds and the loss to the U. S. A. by the destruction of birds; the loss to owners and the injury to horses resulting from constant pounding on hard roads; the chaining of dogs resulting in their ruin physically, mentally and hygienically; the placing of the City Dairy Company's rules for drivers before prominent firms in all cities, etc.

Particular stress was laid on the attention given by the Local Council of Women to humane work and a plea was made by Mr. Justice Osler for education among children with a view to lessening cruelty.

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